

State employees with a view toward revising this policy to provide incentives to State employees to use their sick leave benefits judiciously and to reward those who do; and be it further

~~Resolved, That this commission shall report its recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 1971; and be it further~~

~~Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Maryland~~ SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Approved April 22, 1970.

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No. 58

(House Joint Resolution 102)

House Joint Resolution requesting ~~appointment of a committee~~ THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL to study and report on THE FEASIBILITY AND methods to transfer financial responsibility for the State Judiciary and Ancillary functions from local government to the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, The problems of present-day society have resulted in large increases in the workload of the Circuit Courts of the State of Maryland and there is an unprecedented critical need for timely, efficient and equitable operation of our Court System; and

WHEREAS, The same needs exist with respect to the State's Attorneys Offices and the Sheriff's Offices of the counties of Maryland and of Baltimore City because their workload and procedures are so intimately related to the workload and procedures of the Courts; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial process in Maryland is a State process with the Judges of the Circuit Courts being elected State officials administering the laws of the State as enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland and with the State's Attorneys and Sheriffs also being elected State officials conducting their functions as determined by the laws of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The counties of Maryland and Baltimore City have the major financial responsibility for the State Court system but variations in local resources and needs have contributed to varying levels of support for the Judicial function in the various sections of the State and the local financial support has created an inequality in the court processes as well as inequality of financial burden; and

WHEREAS, It is generally recognized that a uniform system of Justice throughout the State cannot be achieved under present financial and administrative relationships and that the present role of the political subdivisions in financing the Courts, State's Attorneys and Sheriff's offices is not logical and should not be expected to expand; now, therefore, be it

~~Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of Maryland be and he is hereby requested to appoint a Commission consisting of representatives of the Bench, the Bar, State's Attorneys Association, Sheriff's Association, local and State govern-~~