

WHEREAS, The widespread use and abuse of dangerous drugs, with its attendant horrors of human suffering and debilitation, is growing at an alarming rate in our State and is a concern of us all; and

WHEREAS, It is an established fact that many of our school-age children are now casually experimenting with dangerous drugs without being fully aware of the possible consequences, while others have become young drug addicts who face the hard road of rehabilitation or a lifetime, however short, of misery and hopelessness; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to combat the problem of drug abuse at all its levels through the combined and correlated efforts of federal, State, and local communities and private individuals and organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is particularly vital to reach our impressionable school children by educating them as early as possible as to the nature and extent of the dangers of drugs and drug abuse and the devastating effects it has on the individual who is involved with it and on our society which pays for it in terms of untold social and economic loss; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Board of Education develop a comprehensive drug education program to be implemented in all public and private primary and secondary schools in the State; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the State Board of Education.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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No. 64

(House Joint Resolution 56)

House Joint Resolution requesting the establishing of a Commission on State's Attorneys' compensation and staff to consider the compensation, qualifications, numbers, and activities of professional personnel in the offices of the State's Attorneys.

WHEREAS, the State's Attorneys, as the prosecutors for the government, are a critical part of the criminal justice system of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the State has recently reviewed its entire judicial system including judicial salaries and pensions; and

WHEREAS, since 1968, nineteen of the twenty-three counties of Maryland have by law altered the compensation of the State's Attorney, ten have altered the number of compensation of staff members in the State's Attorney's office, and three counties are proposing additional changes in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the salary and staffing practice is different in each county in Maryland; and