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(Senate Joint Resolution 32)

Senate Joint Resolution establishing a Commission to identify the various functions of government as being either (1) solely State, (2) solely local, or (3) joint State and local, and to make recommendations as to modifications of intergovernmental fiscal relationships necessary to assure adequate resources for the performance of these functions.

WHEREAS, There is a need for an in-depth study of the various functions of government in the State of Maryland, in order to define those functions which should be solely the responsibility of the State, those functions which should be solely the responsibility of the local subdivisions, and those functions which should be jointly performed, and

WHEREAS, Such a study cannot proceed without careful consideration of the intergovernmental fiscal relationships required to carry out the responsibilities and functions assigned to the State and its local subdivisions, taking into account the allocation and sharing of various sources of revenue among the various levels of government, and

WHEREAS, Such a study will require the participation of persons actively engaged in State and local government and persons who possess extensive knowledge of the operation and financing of State and local government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an in-depth study be made of the various functions of government in the State of Maryland, in an attempt to define those functions which should be solely the responsibility of the State, those functions which should be solely the responsibility of the local subdivisions, and those functions which should be jointly performed; and be it further

Resolved, That such study include careful consideration of the intergovernmental fiscal relationships (other than those relating to public education) required to carry out the responsibilities and functions assigned to the State and its local subdivisions, taking into account the allocation and sharing of various sources of revenue among the various levels of government; and be it further

Resolved, That a Commission be appointed by the Governor to make the study, with representation from the Senate of Maryland, the House of Delegates, elected county officials, elected officials of incorporated municipalities, and persons with expertise in State and local government finance; and be it further

Resolved, That the results of this study along with any fiscal implications should be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly as promptly as feasible; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved May 5, 1972.