

WHEREAS, If the State withdraws from participation in the federal social security system, it may be possible to use the employee tax payments and the payments by the State to fund a supplementary or integrated system of benefits under the State Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System which would provide equal or superior benefits to those now provided jointly by the systems and by social security at less cost to the employees and at a savings to the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor of Maryland is requested to appoint a task force to study the feasibility of the State of Maryland terminating its participation in the federal social security system for State employees and teachers and providing additional benefits for members of the State pension systems in lieu of social security benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor is requested to appoint to the task force representatives of the various organized groups of State employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient funds for actuarial and other professional assistance are provided to the task force to assist it in carrying out its duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force is requested to submit its report and recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly prior to the convening of the 1975 Session of the General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution are sent to the Governor of Maryland and to the Secretary of Personnel Henry G. Bosz.

Approved April 30, 1974.

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No. 24

(Senate Joint Resolution 31)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Anne Arundel County - Bicycle Paths

FOR the purpose of requesting the State Department of Transportation to purchase the B&A Railroad right-of-way in Anne Arundel County as soon as possible and to include a bicycle path in any plans