

to benefit fully from them.

Therefore, in order to evaluate the present status of pre-school education and early childhood programs, it is necessary that the 1975 Legislative Council have a report from the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools on all such ongoing programs in Maryland and on all current plans for future programs in these areas in the public schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools be requested to report to the 1975 Legislative Council by November 1, 1975, on the status of pre-school education and early childhood programs in Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, State Superintendent of Schools, P. O. Box 8717, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, 21240.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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No. 45

(House Joint Resolution 41)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Educational Programs About The Handicapped

FOR the purpose of requesting the State Department of Education to provide for programs concerning the nature and needs of mentally, physically, and emotionally handicapped people.

WHEREAS, Individuals with mental, physical, or emotional handicaps constitute more than 15 percent of the population in this State; and

WHEREAS, Nearly every extended family has a member with a mental, physical, or emotional handicap in some degree; and

WHEREAS, Virtually everyone in our society comes into contact with handicapped individuals; and

WHEREAS, When a handicapped child is born, parents frequently lack information concerning the child's