

the current attitudes, programs, services, and procedures of our juvenile justice system are in need of review, in order to determine whether and how the system can be made more responsive to the needs of our children; and

WHEREAS, It is important, as a first step, that the law of juvenile causes be made uniform throughout the State, in order to avoid the chaos which would result from a judicial determination that separate and unequal systems in the State constitute a denial of equal protection of the laws and are therefore unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, With a uniform law and the avoidance of the most serious impending threat to the underlying base of the juvenile justice system, the determination of what substantive, structural, and organizational changes in the system may be advantageous can proceed in a calm and rational manner; and

WHEREAS, Although the determination of what the policies, programs, and law relating to juvenile services is a legislative matter, because of the complexities of the matter, the conflicting viewpoints concerning it, and the recent developments in this area, the General Assembly should have before it the considered opinion and recommendations of those persons most closely associated with and knowledgeable about the system; and

WHEREAS, It is not feasible to expect that a meaningful consensus of informed opinion can be arrived at during the remaining term of the 1975 Session; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That

1. The Commission on Juvenile Justice be created. It shall consist of 15 persons, appointed as follows:

(a) One person shall be a member of the House Judiciary Committee and shall be appointed from the House of Delegates by the Speaker;

(b) One person shall be a member of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and shall be appointed from the Senate by the President;

(c) Two judges shall be appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, one of whom shall have had significant experience sitting in juvenile court, and one of whom shall have had significant experience sitting in criminal court;

(d) Eleven persons shall be appointed by the