

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the funding of special education for handicapped students.

WHEREAS, The enactment of Senate Bill 649 of 1973 and the Raine Decree have resulted in an increase in the number of students served by special educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Further increases in the number of students being served can be expected; and

WHEREAS, The manner in which special educational programs for handicapped children are funded is a matter of concern to public officials and private citizens throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, The involvement of public officials at every level of government as well as that of private citizens is necessary for the development of appropriate changes in the manner of funding special educational programs for handicapped children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor of Maryland be requested to appoint a Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the funding of special educational programs for handicapped children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor of Maryland be requested to appoint as members of the Commission, representatives of the Maryland State Department of Education, the local Boards of Education, local government, the Maryland House of Delegates, the Senate of Maryland, private groups representing handicapped citizens and the Governor's staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly of Maryland by December 1, 1975; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be sent to His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland.

Approved May 15, 1975.