

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with a request to forward them to the appropriate divisions within the Department, and to the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce.

Approved April 1, 1976.

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No. 5

(House Joint Resolution No. 34)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Disruptive Students in Schools

FOR the purpose of requesting the 1976 Legislative Council to study for possible legislative action the report of the Task Force on Educational Programs for Disruptive Youth.

WHEREAS, The increasing number of disruptive students has had an adverse impact on the educational process in public schools throughout the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 74 of the 1974 General Assembly requested the State Superintendent of Schools to appoint a special task force to make an in-depth study of the changes needed in the educational system throughout the State to enable the schools to work effectively with the increasing percentage of youth who cannot function within regular school programs; and

WHEREAS, The State Superintendent appointed the Task Force on Educational Programs for Disruptive Youth in the fall of 1974; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force represents the educational profession, parents, students and lay personnel; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force has surveyed secondary school principals in the State to determine the number of disruptive youth in grades 7 through 12 and the types of behavior causing the most disruption; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force held three regional workshops, attended by educators, students, parents, and community representatives, to obtain recommendations as to needed educational programs; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force has prepared and disseminated an interim report which will be studied and reacted to, during the fall and winter of 1975, by a task force in each of the local school systems; and