

WHEREAS, The severely, profoundly, and multiply handicapped individuals that do require an institutional-type of service are often denied such care because of the large number of inappropriately placed individuals; and

WHEREAS, The State-operated institutions and community-based residential programs almost always have long waiting lists; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body requests that the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Delegates establish a commission for the purpose of developing a comprehensive long-range plan for the provision of residential services for Maryland's retarded citizens. The commission should consist of at least two representatives from the Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., one representative from an independent provider of residential services, the Director of the Mental Retardation Administration, one representative from the State Developmental Disabilities Council, one representative from the Department of State Planning, one representative from the Rosewood Association for the Retarded, three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Delegates (including one Senator and one Delegate who serve on the Joint Subcommittee on the Capital Budget), one superintendent of a State-operated institution for the retarded; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate the relationship between the expenditures for State institutions and community-based residential programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate the use of alternative living units such as nursing homes, apartments, subsidized housing, etc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate and determine the Statewide need for institutional-type beds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission determine the Statewide need for community-based residential care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate and recommend solutions to the problem of inappropriate institutional placement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission develop a long-range comprehensive plan for the provision of all types of residential services within the State of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly no