

appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland from experts or laymen in the field of computers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be distributed to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved May 4, 1976.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 147)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Inter-agency Cooperation - Handicapped Children

FOR the purpose of requesting those State agencies that provide services for handicapped children to [[form a council for]] develop a plan of inter-agency cooperation in matters of identifying, defining, evaluating, and providing services for handicapped children.

WHEREAS, Over 100,000 Maryland children with physiological and psychological handicaps are known to agencies of the State government, and it is believed there are a substantial number more; and

WHEREAS, The Divisions of Special Education, Instruction, Vocational-Technical Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education; and the Administrations of Juvenile Services, Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Preventive Medicine of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and the Social Services Administration of the State Department of Human Resources, along with innumerable private and other agencies are all actively engaged in providing services for handicapped children; and

WHEREAS, The problem of defining handicaps, identifying handicapped persons, diagnosing handicaps, developing effective programs, and evaluating both persons and programs are only beginning to receive the attention from society that they need; and

WHEREAS, The administration of programs for the handicapped is in a dynamic condition of continuing change and growth with all the attendant problems inherent in such a situation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Departments of Education, Health and Mental