

State of Maryland Employees' Retirement System with one year of creditable service at the time of his death; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Marvin Mandel, State House, Annapolis, Maryland 21404 and Comptroller Louis Goldstein, Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21404 and Treasurer William S. James, State Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21404.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 29)

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION concerning

Medicaid Program Cutbacks

FOR the purpose of urging the [[Budget and Taxation Committee of the Senate of Maryland and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Delegates to study the State Medicaid Program and to advise the Governor on the General Assembly's intent for the fiscal year 1978 coverage of the Medicaid Program.]] Joint Budget and Audit Committee of the General Assembly of Maryland to study the State Medicaid Program and to develop policy recommendations concerning the State's involvement in the Medicaid Program and the appropriate level of State funding for fiscal year 1978; requesting the Governor to ensure that the Medicaid Program is properly funded and to advise the Governor on the General Assembly's intent for the fiscal year 1978 coverage of the Medicaid Program; and providing for the Committee to report to the General Assembly and to the Governor.

WHEREAS, The Medicaid Program is the sole source of health protection for 420,000 Marylanders of low income; and

WHEREAS, This Program is a major source of funds for long term care for Maryland's elderly and severely disabled; and

WHEREAS, This Program has undergone serious reduction in dental, drug and podiatry services; and

WHEREAS, The Medicaid Program has not been properly funded, and the Governor has authorized budget cuts in the Medicaid Program which have reduced benefits, and have endangered critical health care services; and