

six additional staff positions; to seek \$2,500 in necessary operating funds; and to unfreeze six vacant faculty positions at the Maryland School for the Deaf; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Rescution be sent to the Governor.

*Not signed by the Governor.

No. 85*

(House Joint Resolution No. 22)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

[[Commission on]] Mental Health and the Mental
Illnesses of the Elderly

FOR the purpose of requesting the [[Governor to appoint a Commission on Mental Health and the Mental Illnesses of the Elderly]] Office on Aging to study mental health and the mental illnesses of the elderly.

The State has a responsibility to provide proper care for its citizens suffering from mental illnesses and senior citizens suffering from mental diseases, which affect the elderly.

Although the State has present programs in both these areas a study of these programs should be made to determine if there is need for improvement. A group of persons interested and knowledgeable in these health areas should review the State programs and determine if additional efforts should be made to aid the mentally ill; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the [[Governor is requested to]] Office on Aging shall appoint a Commission to study the future needs of mental health facilities including manpower, research and training; and be it further

RESOLVED, That [[this Commission]] the Office on Aging should study methods of improving mental health care for the aged and providing appropriate care for elderly persons in mental institutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the [[Commission]] Office on Aging should develop recommendations for effectuating any improvements it feels are necessary in the health area and should report these recommendations to the 1977 Session of the General Assembly.