

being provided, to determine the financial needs of these services, and to consider including appropriate programs for runaways in the Comprehensive Annual Services Plan for Title XX; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Richard A. Batterton, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, 1100 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Approved April 12, 1977.

No. 8

(House Joint Resolution 72)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Public Education - Suspension

FOR the purpose of directing the Maryland State Board of Education to undertake a study and make recommendations concerning suspensions and expulsions in the public school system.

WHEREAS, There is a general public concern for the increasing problem of the disruptive youth in the public schools creating problems of discipline, dropouts and suspension of students in the schools; and

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has recognized the issues and has approved Project Basic, revision of bylaws requiring local school systems to deal with the problem of suspension and expulsions; and

WHEREAS, Increasingly more information is needed concerning the extent of the suspensions and expulsions; reasons for suspensions; intervention practices to include curriculum adjustments prior to and during suspension and expulsion in order to intelligently reduce such action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Board of Education shall in cooperation with the local education agencies establish a study and recommend a process and procedure to annually determine and report to the State Board of Education: (1) the extent of suspension and expulsion, (2) the reasons for such suspension, (3) interventive procedures used prior to and during suspension; and be it further