

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretaries of the Departments of Personnel, Health and Mental Hygiene, and Transportation and the Superintendent of the State Department of Education.

Approved May 17, 1977.

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No. 28

(House Joint Resclution 19)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Purchasing and Procurement Policies Task Force

FOR the purpose of requesting the Maryland General Assembly to create a Purchasing and Procurement Policies Task Force to review, study and make recommendations in State purchasing and procurement laws and regulations.

WHEREAS, There have been numerous bills introduced in the past several sessions of the General Assembly relating to purchasing and to the procurement of various goods and services required by State government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Three bills on this subject were assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations and two items were assigned to the Senate Finance Committee for the 1976 Interim; and

WHEREAS, The House Committee on Appropriations has established a special subcommittee on State data processing to study State procurement policy as it relates to the automatic data processing equipment (including peripherals), software, services and supplies, which subcommittee is urging adoption of its recommended legislation and subsequent adoption by the task force established by this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Code Revision Commission is pursuing certain aspects of procurement in its current revision of the Transportation Article; and

WHEREAS, The laws relating to purchasing and procurement are scattered throughout the various articles of the Code and the legislature's approach to review and amendment has been piecemeal rather than comprehensive; and