

WHEREAS, The Division of Correction has no comprehensive plan or program for dealing with mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, There has never been a comprehensive statewide study of mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body requests that the Governor establish a commission for the purpose of investigating and developing a comprehensive long range plan for appropriately dealing with mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission should consist of one representative from the Division of Correction, two representatives from associations for retarded citizens one representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, one representative from the Law Enforcement Assistance Agency, one representative from the Office of the Governor, one representative from the Juvenile Services Administration, one representative from the Department of Education, two members of the Senate, and two members of the House of Delegates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate the number of mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate the sociological backgrounds of mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate what services and programs are offered to mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission investigate the needs of the mentally retarded person in the criminal justice system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission develop a long-range comprehensive plan for appropriately dealing with mentally retarded persons in the criminal justice system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than March 1, 1978; and be it further