

A House Joint Resolution concerning

State Support for Vocational Education

FOR the purpose of requesting the preparation of a comprehensive program and fiscal study on the use of State funds for supporting vocational and technical education programs.

WHEREAS, Since 1970 vocational and technical education program enrollments in Maryland have increased 66 percent at the secondary level, 86 percent at the post secondary level and 56 percent at the adult level; and

WHEREAS, During Fiscal Year 1977 over 37 percent of the State's students in grades 10 to 12 and 40 percent of the community college students were enrolled in vocational and technical education programs; and

WHEREAS, The extent to which students' desires to enroll in vocational and technical education programs has not been determined and students are leaving secondary schools without the necessary skills for job entry; and

WHEREAS, A student desiring to enroll in a vocational and technical education program not available at a community college in his county or region of residence must pay a higher tuition fee to pursue his program in another county or region where the program is offered; and

WHEREAS, Vocational and technical education continues to experience a public image which is detrimental to the recruitment of students who could benefit from such training in preparation for work; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Report of the State Advisory Council on Vocational and Technical Education provides an evaluation of the effectiveness of vocational and technical education programs and activities in the State and includes recommendations for improvement; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Education Five Year State Plan for Vocational-Technical Education, 1978-1982, the Summary of Findings of the General Assembly Joint Committee on Corrections and the Maryland Educational Coordinating Council on Correctional Institutions' Master Plan for Corrections Education in Maryland's Division of Correction Institutions both identify requirements for additional funds needed to accomplish essential programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the ~~Governor's Commission on Funding of Public Education~~ appropriate legislative committee undertake a program and fiscal study to determine the extent and manner in which