

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

transfers and retentions under any proposed eliminations; requesting that the Governor submit with the budget bill a statistical summary of certain programs; and requesting that this information be coordinated with the executive plans of the agencies.

WHEREAS, All State agencies participated in the alternative-level budgeting in 1977 and 1978 pursuant to House Joint Resolution 119 and 107; and

WHEREAS, Many agencies responded to the requirement for proposing budget reductions by simply listing the items in their budgets which represented increases over the previous year's budget, or agency-wide reductions which were potentially infeasible, or made other proposals which did not indicate a serious effort to identify lowest and highest priorities from a managerial and policy-making perspective; and

WHEREAS, Some agencies made thoughtful, well-structured recommendations which were in fact implemented during the budget process; and

WHEREAS, The need for critical examination by the Executive and the General Assembly of existing State programs continues, and indeed is growing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to submit to the General Assembly as part of each Executive Plan, but not later than July 1, 1979, a detailed list, with detailed justification and impact analysis, from each agency, of the programs and positions which it would elect to eliminate, reduce, increase, or add if its budget were:

(1) Reduced in operating administrative and formula-funded components by approximately 5 percent of the amount appropriated for fiscal year 1980;

(2) Increased by approximately 5 percent of the amount appropriated for fiscal year 1980.

The submissions should represent department or agency-wide priorities, indicating which specific programs or elements are least or most effective, as the case may be, and should avoid simplistic across-the-board cuts, function transfers, and other responses which avoid discussion of the merits of particular agency activities. Submissions may recommend that particular activities be phased out, or in, over a longer period of time than 1 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That each agency is further requested to submit at the time that agency budget requests are submitted to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning a concise