

were reduced or increased by a certain percent; and requesting each agency to submit a statistical summary of certain programs with that agency's budget request.

WHEREAS, All State agencies participated in the alternative level budgeting in 1977, 1978, and 1979 pursuant to Joint Resolutions passed by the General Assembly; 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 patently infeasible, or made other proposals which did not indicate a serious effort to identify lowest and highest priorities from a managerial and policymaking 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 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 1981;
- (2) Increased by approximately 5 percent of the amount appropriated for Fiscal Year 1981.

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 statistical summary of each program recommended for deletion or addition, including where appropriate the following factors:

- (1) Measures of program output and cost such as:
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