

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

- (1) The Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor;
- (2) The Honorable James Clark, Jr., President of the Senate;
- (3) The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates;
- (4) James O. Roberson, Secretary, Department of Economic and Community Development, 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; and
- (5) ~~Ardith~~ Ardath M. Cade, Assistant Secretary, Department of Economic and Community Development, 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 12, 1981.

No. 23

(House Joint Resolution No. 76)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Commission on Emotionally Disabled Children
and Adolescents

FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission on Emotionally Disabled Children and Adolescents; designating its membership, responsibilities, and expiration date of the Commission; and urging the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt and implement a certain program of the Commission pertaining to the Maryland Community Mental Health Services Act.

WHEREAS, There is a significant number of mentally disabled children and adolescents in Maryland needing psychiatric and ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, Many of these mentally disabled have long suffered from lack of appropriate care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, The needs of these children and adolescents have become so complex, extensive, and chronic that a comprehensive, coordinated program on a statewide basis is required to assure a service delivery system more responsive, available and accessible; and

WHEREAS, A statewide program for the uniform delivery of these services does not exist; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and other State agencies, including the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland