

are at risk of being inappropriately placed in State institutions or nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has been unable to expand community based service programs for these citizens because of lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, The federal Social Security Act, as amended, provided for such funding by way of waiver provisions under Title XIX of the Act, upon approval of a State plan by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Several states have already successfully applied for and obtained such waivers; and

WHEREAS, This State has already applied for and obtained a similar waiver with regard to the developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, Such waivers have proven to be cost effective and will save the State money while providing much needed community based service programs for the elderly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is urged to develop a request for a waiver pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act in order to provide funding for community based service programs for the elderly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene request approval of this waiver by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by the end of fiscal year 1983, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Signed May 10, 1983.

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No. 13

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 29)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Infants - Hearing Impairments

FOR the purpose of requesting the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop and ~~implement~~ procedures for the identification of present or potential hearing impairment at birth, and follow-up of infants who have or may develop a hearing impairment; such procedures are to be in accordance with the guidelines established by the 1982 Statement of the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Academy of Otolaryngology-Head-Neck Surgery, the American Nurses Association, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.