

~~to review Article 21 and to make recommendations for simplification and improvement of State procurement generally, and~~

WHEREAS, The ad hoc subcommittee in September, 1983, reported to the Board of Public Works and the General Assembly its view that human, social, cultural, and educational services can and should be procured under a modified Article 21 and Title 21 ~~and members of the subcommittee subsequently agreed that many of the problems it identified in the procurement of human, social, cultural, and educational services agreements under Article 21 were adequately addressed by the recommendations and proposed legislation of the ad hoc committee chaired by the State Treasurer; and~~

WHEREAS, Additional rulemaking to accommodate the effective procurement of human, social, cultural, and educational services is needed; and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State to promote continuity and quality of care as well as cost effectiveness in the procurement of human and social services; and

WHEREAS, The ad hoc subcommittee and others have also expressed concern that procurements of human and social services by the Departments of Human Resources and Health and Mental Hygiene should be made, as soon as possible, in accordance with program standards published in COMAR the Maryland Register; and

WHEREAS, The Departments of Human Resources and Health and Mental Hygiene have expressed their intention to adopt develop such program standards ~~with all deliberate speed~~ by January 1, 1985 and meanwhile to make procurements in accordance with interim written guidelines that have been developed ~~with input from~~ after consultation with the provider community; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Chapter 141 of the Acts of 1982, as amended
by Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1983

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~the additional regulations required by this Act shall be adopted by June 30, [1984] 1985. Until~~ until June 30, [1984] 1985, the acquisition of human, cultural, social, and educational services is not subject to the provisions of Article 21.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretaries of the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene and Human Resources and the Executive Director of the Office on Aging shall publish proposed regulations pertaining to program standards for