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(House Joint Resolution No. 40)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Education - Handicapped Persons -  
Transition to Meaningful Work

FOR the purpose of urging, by a certain time, the Divisions of Special Education, Vocational Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation of the Maryland Department of Education to work cooperatively to develop and implement the Individual Educational Plan for each handicapped student with a goal of achieving the successful transition of the student to meaningful work.

WHEREAS, All handicapped persons between the ages of 0 and 21 have a right to a free and appropriate education as provided under the Maryland Raine decree and under Public Law 94-142; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, or upon reaching the age of 21, handicapped persons are no longer eligible for special education services; and

WHEREAS, The Special Education, Vocational Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation Divisions of the Maryland State Department of Education have the responsibility to provide appropriate training and rehabilitation to prepare handicapped persons for the world of meaningful work; and

WHEREAS, Transition from Special Education to meaningful work requires appropriate and timely training and preparation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, not later than a school year in which a handicapped student reaches the age of 14, the Divisions of Special Education, Vocational Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation should work cooperatively in the development and implementation of the Individual Educational Plan for each handicapped student with the goal of achieving a successful transition to meaningful work for the student; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent by the Department of Legislative Reference to David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent; Martha -A- J. Irvin, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Special Education; Addison Hobbs, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Vocational-Technical Education; and Richard A. Batterton, Assistant State Superintendent for Vocational Rehabilitation, each of whom is located at the Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.