

~~help insure that the best teachers are distributed throughout the State; now; therefore be it~~

~~RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Education is requested to devise a plan, including legislative recommendations deemed necessary, to eliminate real teacher salary disparities among the local jurisdictions throughout the State; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, That the Department report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and Governor by January 17, 1987; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin B. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Education; 200 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.~~

Governor's Commission on Teacher Salaries and Incentives

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to establish a Commission on Teacher Salaries and Incentives; requesting the Commission to examine the relationship of teacher availability and quality with the financial and nonfinancial rewards of teaching; specifying certain questions for the Commission to address; specifying the membership of the Commission; and providing for a report by a certain date.

WHEREAS, Quality public education is the cornerstone of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Quality public education is essential to the health of Maryland's economy and the availability of employment; and

WHEREAS, Under Maryland's Constitution, education is a fundamental responsibility of the State; and

WHEREAS, A plentiful and able teaching force is vital to maintaining strong public schools, and Maryland has heretofore enjoyed such a teaching force; and

WHEREAS, Maryland now faces a looming crisis in the shortage of new teachers and in the loss of experienced professionals now in the teaching force; and

WHEREAS, A large proportion of the teaching force becomes eligible to retire soon; and

WHEREAS, Many teachers leave the teaching force because of more lucrative and career choices or because of teacher "burnout"; and