

cost-efficient and effective use of space throughout the system; and

WHEREAS, The regional psychiatric hospital centers are the largest and oldest of Mental Hygiene facilities and contain many acres of unused land and buildings that are empty or in need of extensive repair; and

WHEREAS, Asbestos has been discovered in many State psychiatric hospital buildings and abatement of this problem may be extremely costly; and

WHEREAS, The 5-year deinstitutionalization plan of the Mental Hygiene Administration calls for development of additional community housing, therapeutic, rehabilitation, case management, and other community support services for persons with mental disorders, some of whom now reside in State psychiatric facilities; and

WHEREAS, State expenditures for State psychiatric hospitals continue to represent at least 80% of all funds expended by the State for mental health services; and

WHEREAS, There exists no clear policy as to how State psychiatric hospitals are to be integrated into a community-based mental health care delivery system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Legislative Policy Committee and the Governor are requested to establish by June 1, 1986, a ~~13~~ 15 member commission, called the Commission on the Future of State Psychiatric Hospitals, to study the most appropriate utilization and role of State psychiatric hospital centers in a community-based mental health care delivery system and make recommendations concerning the budgets, service standards, scope of patient care and number of these facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission consist of ~~13~~ 15 members including:

- (1) 1 member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) 1 member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) The Director of Mental Hygiene Administration;
- (4) 1 representative of the State Health Resources Planning Commission, appointed by the Governor;
- (5) 1 representative of the State Health Services Cost Review Commission, appointed by the Governor;