

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

WHEREAS, These problems are exacerbated by nursing school enrollments being down 8% in 1986, with fewer people choosing nursing as a career; and

WHEREAS, The cost of education for nurses has risen dramatically and scholarship opportunities are limited; and

WHEREAS, An increase in the number of persons who choose nursing as a career and who choose to practice nursing in a hospital setting is critical to public health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Task Force to study this crisis in nursing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force to Study the Crisis in Nursing be composed of:

(1) 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) A representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Governor;

(3) 1 representative each from the Maryland Nurses Association, the Maryland Licensed Practical Nurses Association, the Maryland Hospital Association, and the Health Facilities Association of Maryland;

(4) A nurse educator;

(5) 3 registered nurses who are actively practicing as staff nurses in a hospital setting, 1 of whom shall have a B.S.N. degree, the second of whom shall have an A.D. degree, and the third of whom shall have a diploma in nursing;

(6) A representative of the Health Services Cost Review Commission;

(7) A representative of the Health Resources Planning Commission;

(8) A representative of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nursing;

(9) A representative of the State Scholarship Board; and

(10) 2 directors of nursing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force is charged with: