

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

(1) Examining the causes of the crisis in nursing in the State of Maryland, with special consideration to be given to the conditions and hours under which hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities require nurses to work;

(2) Examining the declining ability of hospitals and health care facilities to remain competitive with respect to the salaries paid to their nursing staffs;

(3) Examining the potential impact on the nursing industry of the closing of hospital-based nursing schools;

(4) Developing realistic incentives for the retention of nurses currently employed in hospitals and health care facilities and for the attraction of currently inactive nurses to return to the nursing profession;

(5) In consultation with the State Department of Education and the local boards of education, developing recommendations for the secondary school systems to encourage students to pursue careers in nursing;

(6) Exploring the feasibility of increasing the dollar amount of nursing student scholarships and the extent to which the State Scholarship Board is awarding these scholarships;

(7) Examining the indirect impact on nurses of the cost containment measures taken or proposed by the Health Resources Planning Commission or the Health Services Cost Review Commission;

(8) Examining the impact of new nursing employment options and opportunities that attract nurses away from traditional positions on hospital staffs; and

(9) Developing any other appropriate recommendations for implementation in the public and private sectors to address problems associated with the crisis in nursing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor designate the Chairman of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 1988; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff for the Task Force be provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the