

Signed May 12, 1992.

Joint Resolution No. 6
(House Joint Resolution No. 26)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Task Force on Public School Construction Finance

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to establish a Task Force on Public School Construction Finance to study the needs for public school construction during a certain period; specifying the composition of the Task Force; requiring a certain report by a certain date; and generally relating to a study of the needs for public school construction.

WHEREAS, In 1987, the Governor appointed a Task Force on School Construction Finance; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force established the present school construction formula whereby the State expends \$60 million annually for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 1993, the State received approximately \$200 million in requests for school construction funds for new schools and additions and/or renovations to existing schools; and

WHEREAS, Many counties have had to provide forward funding for eligible projects that the State was unable to fund; and

WHEREAS, The school age population in Maryland is projected to increase by 140,000 students by the year 2000, a 20% increase; and

WHEREAS, Many older public school buildings require major renovations to meet current educational program needs; and

WHEREAS, The demands for additional school facilities have significantly exceeded the funding available under the current formula; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Task Force on School Construction Finance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force be composed of 17 members including:

(1) (i) 2 members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(ii) 2 members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) The State Treasurer;