

WHEREAS, The University System of Maryland was founded in order to reduce unnecessary expenditures and duplication and to enhance both management accountability and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, The University System of Maryland today costs more than \$10 million per year and potentially duplicates many of the functions existing within its constituent institutions, and may require changes to enhance the ability of the institutions to respond efficiently and effectively to the needs of the workforce in a high technology environment; and

WHEREAS, Within this context of changing technology and educational needs it is critical to review those functions and costs of the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the University System of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, There is a marked disparity in funding per full-time equivalent undergraduate students among the University System of Maryland institutions as well as between University System of Maryland institutions and other public comprehensive institutions outside the University System of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the formation of the University System of Maryland, two research institutions have been established, general fund support for University College and a revised community college formula have been enacted, and student financial aid programs have been enhanced without major funding increases to other undergraduate institutions; and

WHEREAS, The system and base level funding required to afford all University System of Maryland undergraduate students a quality education should be reviewed; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary that each of our public universities are held accountable to students, parents, taxpayers, and those who make educational policy; and

WHEREAS, Streamlining the organizational chart of the University System of Maryland may result in greater efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly and Governor establish a task force to study the governance, coordination, and funding of the University System of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force consider methods to increase the prominence of the University System of Maryland's constituent institutions nationally and internationally, the efficiency of the delivery of higher education services to Maryland citizens, and other issues related generally to governance, coordination, and funding of the University System of Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force be composed of:

(1) ~~Three~~ Four members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;