
By: Senator Derr (Frederick County Delegation)

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Task Force on Funding for the Maryland School for the Deaf**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force on Funding for the Maryland School for the
4 Deaf; and providing for the membership of the Task Force.

5 WHEREAS, The Maryland School for the Deaf provides an essential service for
6 deaf children in this State; and

7 WHEREAS, The budget allowance for the Maryland School for the Deaf for fiscal
8 year 1997 increased by 1.7% over the previous fiscal year while the increase for public
9 schools in general was 5.5%; and

10 WHEREAS, Funding should be adequate and consistent with the growth in student
11 enrollment; and

12 WHEREAS, The Maryland School for the Deaf should receive fair and equitable
13 funding consistent with other public schools in this State; and

14 WHEREAS, Educational programs and other services to Maryland School for the
15 Deaf students should not be reduced or disrupted during the school year as a result of
16 mid-year appropriation reductions; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, There shall be
18 a Task Force on Funding for the Maryland School for the Deaf to examine funding
19 sources to help maintain the quality and comprehensiveness of educational programs and
20 other services offered by the Maryland School for the Deaf; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, That the Task Force be composed of 10 members as follows:

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1 (1) Two members of the House of Delegates of Maryland, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker as Co-Chairman
3 of the Task Force;

4 (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
5 the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as
6 Co-Chairman of the Task Force; and

7 (3) The following members appointed by the Governor:

8 (i) A representative of the Department of Budget and Fiscal
9 Planning;

10 (ii) A representative of the State Department of Education;

11 (iii) A representative of the Maryland School for the Deaf; and

12 (iv) A representative of the Governor's Office; and

13 (v) Two members of the general public familiar with the Maryland
14 School for the Deaf; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force report its findings and recommendations to the
16 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the
17 General Assembly by October 15, 1996, and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
19 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the
20 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
21 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.