

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

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ENROLLED RESOLUTION

-- Ways and Means/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Heller, Taylor, Hixson, Beck, Benson, Bobo, Bozman, Cadden, Comeau, Conway, Cryor, D. Davis, Dewberry, Doory, Eckardt, Exum, Faulkner, Finifter, Goldwater, Healey, Hubbard, B. Hughes, Hurson, Kach, Klausmeier, Love, Mandel, McHale, McKee, Menes, Miller, Mohorovic, McClenahan, O'Donnell, Pitkin, Preis, Rzepkowski, Shriver, Slade, Valderrama, Workman, C. Davis, Kopp, and C. Mitchell**
C. Mitchell, and Pendergrass

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____M.

Speaker.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Education - Class Size Reduction Program - Appointment of Special Study**
3 **Committee**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a special committee to study
5 the class size reduction programs in the State and in other states, to review the
6 effects and results of past legislative action and individual Local Educational
7 Agency initiatives pertaining to this issue, and to propose modifications and
8 remedies, as needed; providing for the membership of the committee and the
9 appointment of its chairperson; requiring the committee to submit a report to
10 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and
11 generally relating to the establishment of a special committee to review issues
12 relating to class size in the public schools in the State.

1 WHEREAS, Current law does not speak to the full range of solutions that are
 2 necessary to address and effectively impact the issue of class size reduction; now,
 3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
 5 Governor is requested to appoint a special committee to examine the issues of
 6 reducing class size and to propose changes to current law and to the State and county
 7 education systems that might better meet the needs of children and county boards of
 8 education; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the committee be composed of:

10 (a) ~~Three~~ Two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of
 11 the House;

12 (b) ~~Three~~ Two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President
 13 of the Senate;

14 (c) ~~Seventeen~~ ~~Eleven~~ Thirteen members appointed by the Governor, as
 15 follows:

16 (1) One representative from each of the following:

17 (i) The State Department of Education;

18 (ii) The Maryland Association of Boards of Education;

19 (iii) The Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland;

20 (iv) The Maryland Association of Elementary School
 21 Administrators;

22 (v) The Maryland Association of Secondary Principals; and

23 (vi) The Maryland Association of Counties;

24 ~~(2) Three One classroom teachers teacher;~~

25 (2) *Three classroom teachers, one from each of the elementary, middle,*
 26 *and high school levels of education;*

27 (3) ~~Three~~ Two parents selected from a list submitted by the Maryland
 28 State Parent-Teacher Association;

29 (4) One student;

30 ~~(5) Two members of the general public; and~~

31 ~~(6) Two professors from Maryland colleges One professor from a~~
 32 Maryland college of Education; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Governor shall appoint a chairperson from the members
2 of the committee; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Maryland Department of Education shall provide staff to
4 the committee; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the members of the committee shall serve without
6 compensation except that the members may be reimbursed for expenses under the
7 State Standard Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and recommendations to
9 the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to
10 the General Assembly on or before December 1, 1999; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
12 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
13 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
14 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.