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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.

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the committee be composed of:

22 (a) Three members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House;

24 (b) Three members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of
25 the Senate;

26 (c) Seventeen members appointed by the Governor, as follows:

- 1 (1) One representative from each of the following:
- 2 (i) The State Department of Education;
- 3 (ii) The Maryland Association of Boards of Education;
- 4 (iii) The Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland;
- 5 (iv) The Maryland Association of Elementary School
6 Administrators;
- 7 (v) The Maryland Association of Secondary Principals; and
- 8 (vi) The Maryland Association of Counties;
- 9 (2) Three classroom teachers;
- 10 (3) Three parents selected from a list submitted by the Maryland State
11 Parent-Teacher Association;
- 12 (4) One student;
- 13 (5) Two members of the general public; and
- 14 (6) Two professors from Maryland colleges of Education; and be it
15 further

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

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

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

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

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