

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

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By: **Delegate Barkley**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Federal Funding to Students With Disabilities**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the United States Congress to honor its commitment
4 to fund educational programs for students with disabilities.

5 WHEREAS, The federal government committed to funding 40% of the costs of
6 educating students with disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, Federal funding currently provides only 11% of the cost of
8 educating students with disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Maryland and most other states must shift existing state funds
10 from other programs or allocate new funds to ensure that all students with
11 disabilities receive the education and services to which they are entitled; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Governor's Association in March, 1999, called upon
13 Congress to meet its special education funding commitment to students with
14 disabilities; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the United
16 States Congress is requested to honor its commitment to fund the special education
17 needs of students with disabilities; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the United States Congress is encouraged to fully fund
19 special education grants to all states and special education programs in federal
20 schools; and be it further

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