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House Joint Resolution 10 (Delegate J. Long)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Condemning Violence and Violations of Law - Russian Federation in Ukraine

This joint resolution declares (1) the abduction and forcible transfer of children and facilitation of illegal adoptions is contrary to Russia's obligations under the Genocide Convention and (2) the Russian Federation is attempting to wipe out a generation of Ukrainian children, thereby impeding Ukraine's ability to nurture the next generation of Ukrainian citizens and leaders and to rebuild their country after Russia's unprovoked war. The General Assembly officially condemns these and other actions in the strongest terms.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The General Assembly notes with concern that the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation has significantly increased the risks of children being exposed to various traumas including human trafficking, exploitation, child labor, gender-based violence, hunger, injury, deprivation of education, deprivation of shelter, and death.

The General Assembly holds the government of the Russian Federation responsible for the wrongful and illegal abduction, forced transfer, and subsequent illegal adoption and indoctrination of children from Ukraine.

The Department of Legislative Services must forward copies of the resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Current Law: In 1948 the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The Genocide Convention was entered into force in 1951.

The General Assembly adopted Joint Resolutions 6 and 7 of 2022, which declared that the State stands in solidarity with the government and people of Ukraine as they resist the unprovoked invasion of their territory by the Russian Federation. The joint resolutions encouraged all Marylanders to assist in providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Ukraine affected by the conflict.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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