

increase in the size of the budget and the 800 to 1,000 new employees which are added to the State payroll each year; and

WHEREAS, The functions of State government are becoming evermore complex and diversified; and

WHEREAS, It is the feeling of the Legislative Council that many of the problems the Legislature has faced and is facing are the result of a lack of communication, understanding, and coordination among the decision-makers and management personnel of the larger governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this situation, the Board of Public Works is forced to devote valuable time in an effort to determine or formulate policy which should be made before it reaches that body; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Budget and Procurement is likewise forced to assume many of the responsibilities of an administrative department in addition to its statutory charge to "continuously study and analyze the needs of the several departments, boards, commissions, . . . and agencies of the State, and of all private associations, corporations or institutions which receive any funds appropriated by the State for any purpose whatsoever; and to continuously study and analyze the current progress of revenue receipts in relation to such needs" (Article 15A, Section 17); and

WHEREAS, As yet there is no Department of Administration within the organizational structure of the government of this State which exists mainly to find ways of eliminating duplication of efforts and materials, to bring about better efficiency and economy in the State government operations, to establish guidelines on problems and matters that affect more than one department, and to recommend policies which will be in the best public interest and which will bring about better State employee communication and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Special study groups are currently in the process of examining the details of Maryland's governmental structure with a view to subsequent overall reorganization, ~~but which studies probably cannot be implemented by the present administration due to lack of time~~; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor is requested and urged to create by Executive Order as soon as possible a Management Advisory Council made up of the business management heads of the large State departments and agencies, and presided over by the Secretary of the Board of Public Works who shall be its Chairman, which Council shall meet at least once a month for the purpose of finding solutions to the many problems of mutual concern; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution, together with copies of Exhibit G of the September 21, 1966, Report of the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters are sent by the Fiscal Research Bureau to the Governor of Maryland, the Board of Public Works, the Department of Public Improvements, the Department of Budget and Procurement, the Planning Department, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Roads Commission, the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, the Department of Forests