

and Parks, Board of Natural Resources, Department of Education, Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Correction, and the Department of Juvenile Services, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, STATE LAW DEPARTMENT, STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE.

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No. 3

(Senate Joint Resolution 3)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting further in-depth study of the rising costs of public welfare in Maryland.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has had special committees working intensively in the area of welfare costs for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, These committees have carefully studied many different aspects of costs and operations of the public welfare departments of the several political subdivisions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Several of the observations and recommendations in the report submitted by the 1966 Legislative Council Committee on Public Welfare Costs merit careful review because they have implications which need and deserve further and deeper study and analysis; and

WHEREAS, The rising cost of Aid for Dependent Children, attributed in part to rising illegitimacy and inadequate support by putative fathers, indicates a need to strengthen enforcement of the Paternity Proceedings Act (Article 16) by responsible public officials; and

WHEREAS, The size, function and responsibilities of the several state's attorneys' offices with respect to the effective prosecution of bastardy cases and the role of the various welfare agencies in making recommendations relating to these cases are complex and far-reaching issues; and

WHEREAS, Various data are being collected which will have to be carefully analyzed in light of the recent studies and reports in the general area of welfare costs, programs and objectives; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Legislative Council of Maryland,* That the Directors of the Public Welfare Departments and the state's attorneys of the several political subdivisions be solicited for information regarding the number of paternity cases initiated and prosecuted respectively, together with their comments and suggestions with respect to more effective enforcement of the Paternity Proceedings Act; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the 1967 Legislative Council be and is requested to continue and expand its study of the public welfare costs and that