

WHEREAS, The enactment by Congress of the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1965 (P.L. 89-333) has significantly increased the type and amount of Federal assistance to rehabilitation facilities and sheltered workshops, the major purpose of such assistance being to provide improved rehabilitation facility and workshop services to more disabled youths and adults; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, and in the State of Maryland, the potential need for expanded and improved services is apparent in view of national health survey statistics indicating that there are 3.7 million handicapped persons in need of vocational rehabilitation services, of whom some 60,000 of these persons live in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1965 make provision for a coordinated State effort in developing a workshop and rehabilitation facility plan, in order to enable the State of Maryland to qualify for, and make maximum use of additional federal funds for workshops and rehabilitation facilities programs; and

WHEREAS, To assist in the workshop and rehabilitation facilities planning effort of the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, a Workshop and Rehabilitation Facility Planning Study Section was initiated in June 1966; and

WHEREAS, The Workshop and Rehabilitation Facility Planning Study Section has established a Study Committee composed of representatives from sheltered workshops, rehabilitation facilities, public and private agencies, labor, business, and other interested groups, the purpose of which is (1) to represent public and private interests as they pertain to workshop and rehabilitation facility planning, and (2) to serve in an advisory capacity to the Workshop and Rehabilitation Facility Planning Staff; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the General Assembly endorses the action of the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Study Group on Workshop and Rehabilitation Facilities in conducting the study of workshop and rehabilitation facility needs in Maryland and in disseminating the findings thereof; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the President of the Senate of Maryland and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland are each requested to name two members from the Senate and two members from the House of Delegates to serve on the Workshop and Rehabilitation Facility Planning Study Section; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the findings of the Workshop and Rehabilitation Facility Planning Study which will be available in June of 1968 are sent to each member of the General Assembly for the purpose of implementing at the 1968 General Assembly of the workshop and rehabilitation facility services needs of Maryland residents as determined by that study.*

Approved May 4, 1967.