

ment on release, which would supplement the communities' needs, and which would not compete with private business; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor.

Approved May 26, 1972.

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No. 51

(House Joint Resolution 101)

House Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a ~~commission~~ TASK FORCE to study and recommend changes in the manner in which the State funds public education, and generally relating thereto.

WHEREAS, The present state aid program for providing aid to the counties and Baltimore City for education creates many inequities; and

WHEREAS, Recent court decisions have indicated that the Federal Constitution requires each state to provide a state aid program for education which will equalize the per pupil wealth disparities of the subdivision so that each subdivision can provide equal educational dollars with similar tax effort; and

WHEREAS, Various commissions and citizen groups have produced a wealth of information as to the facts and figures relating to and the need for increased state aid for public education based on a more equitable distribution of the tax resources available to the State; and

WHEREAS, Remedial legislation will require the cooperation of the legislative and executive branches of government, especially as to the financing of that legislation, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor appoint a ~~commission~~ TASK FORCE to be composed of legislators and experts in the field of school financing representing all areas of the State to develop implementing legislation to correct the inequities in the Maryland System of school financing IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EQUAL TAX BURDEN FOR EQUAL EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT and to report its findings to the Governor and each member of the General Assembly by no later than December 31, 1972; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor and to the State Superintendent of Schools.

Approved May 26, 1972.