

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds; the Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; and the Honorable William S. James, State Treasurer.

\* Not signed by the Governor.

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No. 81 \*

(House Joint Resolution 42)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Mental Retardation Administration  
(State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene)

FOR the purpose of requesting the Mental Retardation Administration to take steps to secure accreditation for the treatment of mentally retarded persons.

WHEREAS, Inadequacies in programs serving Maryland's retarded citizens have been thoroughly documented; and

WHEREAS; The failure to meet even minimal standards for the care and treatment of mentally retarded people is intolerable; and

WHEREAS, There are no standards which programs operated or regulated by the Mental Retardation Administration of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene are required to meet; and

WHEREAS, Generally accepted standards have been developed [[by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals]]; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Maryland General Assembly that programs operated or regulated by the Mental Retardation Administration of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene should meet generally accepted minimal standards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and each of the programs regulated by the Mental Retardation Administration are requested to take steps to secure accreditation of their programs for the mentally retarded under generally accepted standards[[, such as the standards promulgated by the Joint Commission on