

governments in an attempt to assist them in their efforts to provide efficient and economical government for the citizens of Maryland.

Federal, state, county, and municipal governments together are spending millions of tax dollars annually to rent space to provide local offices and services.

Numerous structurally sound school buildings are being declared surplus in many parts of the State because of a declining school enrollment.

All levels of government must continuously strive to reduce cost of governmental services while at the same time providing more and better services closer to the people.

Citizens are becoming increasingly aware and knowledgeable of government and desire to become more involved in government's decision-making process.

Government must make itself readily accessible to the public in an effort to seek methods of "bringing government to the people"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this Body request the Governor to appoint a Commission to be composed of two members of the Senate of Maryland, two members of the House of Delegates, and five members of the general public to study the feasibility, merits, and economic impact of local governments to develop multiuse governmental centers through conversion of existing and projected surplus school facilities in an effort to encourage federal, state, and local governments to "bring government to the people" under a consolidated concept of multiuse governmental centers; and to prepare a report showing the advantages and disadvantages of local subdivisions developing multiuse governmental centers; and to report its findings to the Governor by January 1, 1980; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland.

Signed May 1, 1979.

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A House Joint Resolution concerning

The State Budget