

No. 2

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 11)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Governor's Task-Force-to-Study-the-Funding-of
Commission on Excellence in Higher Education

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to expand--a--certain task--force-to-examine-the-funding-of-public-institutions-of higher-education-in-the-State-from-historical,-current,-and future--perspectives,-providing-for-additional-membership-of the-task-force,-providing-for-a-report-by--a--certain--date, and--generally--relating--to-the-expansion-of-a-certain-task force-to-study-the-funding-of-public-institutions-of--higher education---in---the---State establish the Commission on Excellence in Higher Education; authorizing the Commission to examine and report to the Governor concerning the status of funding and the quality of higher education in Maryland; specifying certain questions for the Commission to address; specifying membership in the Commission; specifying the composition of an advisory board for the Commission; requesting the Governor to supply staff for the Commission; and providing for reports.

WHEREAS,--The-State-of-Maryland-has-long-recognized-the-need for-public-institutions-of-higher-education-in-the-State,-and

WHEREAS,--Public--institutions--of--higher--education---were founded--as-a-means-of-providing-a-free-or-low-cost-education-for the-citizens-of-the-State,-and

WHEREAS,-Education-costs-at-these-institutions-have-steadily risen-over-the-years,-and

WHEREAS,--The--dramatic--increase--in---tuition---at---these institutions--threatens--to-prohibit-these-citizens-for-which-the institutions-were-created-from-attending-these-schools,-and

WHEREAS,-The-efficient-development-and-utilization-of--funds designated--to-support-the-State-institutions-of-higher-education require-a-comprehensive-study-directed-toward--reviewing--current methods--of-funding,-planning-for-alterations-in-the-financing-of higher-education,-and-implementation-of-current-and-new-financial objectives-in-public-higher-education-in-Maryland,-and

WHEREAS,-The-Governor's-Task-Force-to-Study-the--Funding--of Public--Education--is--familiar-with-general-educational-problems and-goals,-and-has-studied-fiscal--aspects--of--public--education that--in--many--ways--relate--to--fiscal-aspects-of-public-higher education,-now,-therefore,-be-it