

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Patricia S. Florestano, Secretary of Higher Education, the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 23, 1996.

Joint Resolution No. 4

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 8)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Task Force on Funding for the Maryland School for the Deaf

FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force on Funding for the Maryland School for the Deaf; and providing for the membership of the Task Force.

WHEREAS, The Maryland School for the Deaf provides an essential service for deaf children in this State; and

WHEREAS, The budget allowance for the Maryland School for the Deaf for fiscal year 1997 increased by 1.7% over the previous fiscal year while the increase for public schools in general was 5.5%; and

WHEREAS, Funding should be adequate and consistent with the growth in student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland School for the Deaf should receive fair and equitable funding consistent with other public schools in this State; and

WHEREAS, Educational programs and other services to Maryland School for the Deaf students should not be reduced or disrupted during the school year as a result of mid-year appropriation reductions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, There shall be a Task Force on Funding for the Maryland School for the Deaf to examine funding sources to help maintain the quality and comprehensiveness of educational programs and other services offered by the Maryland School for the Deaf; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force be composed of 10 members as follows:

(1) Two members of the House of Delegates of Maryland, appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker as Co-Chairman of the Task Force;

(2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as Co-Chairman of the Task Force; and