

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED MARYLAND
30 EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY RESOLUTION

40 WHEREAS: It being believed by Thomas Jefferson, one of our founding fathers, “people
50 enlightened by education, which must be kept free, could govern themselves
60 better under democratic-republican institutions than under any other system”
70 and “an educated populous being necessary in order for our Republic to
80 flourish”; and,

90 WHEREAS: An and educated population being needed in order to properly vote and know
100 who and what they are voting for; and,

110 WHEREAS: Requiring an education in order to vote and obtain a drivers license may
120 encourage more students to stay in school and subsequently graduate; and,

130 WHEREAS: It takes significant responsibility to operate a motor vehicle; and,

140 WHEREAS: According to the North Carolina Board of Education, drop out rates of the state
150 public high schools being 12% in 1998 and after passing a law making it illegal
160 for anyone to drive without a high school education the drop out rate was
170 lowered to 5% in 2001; and,

180 WHEREAS: Parental involvement being necessary in the equation of a students success in
190 high school, it should be encouraged by any reasonable means necessary; and,

200 WHEREAS: Those students who refuse to abide by their parent(s) directions, as well as being
210 truant from school for several days should be forced to change their behavior in
220 order to insure their success.

230 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland General
240 Assembly to pass the proposed Maryland Education Accountability Resolution;
250 and,

260 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Any persons age (18) to (20) who are currently enrolled in
270 high school be allowed to vote and obtain a drivers license without restriction,
280 however, any person who has attained the age of (21) and has not attained a
290 high school diploma or equivalency be denied voting rights and driving
300 privileges; and,

310 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Any parent(s) of a student who is truant from school for (3)
320 days be fined \$500.00 or opt to put the child in a boot camp program set up by
330 the state for no less then (90) days; and,

340 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Any parent(s) of a student who is truant after the first offense,
350 for (2) more days, be given the choice to pay either a \$1,000 fine or opt to enroll
360 their child in a boot camp program set up by the state, for no less then (90) days;
370 and,

380 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Parents not following the previous two clauses be incarcerated
390 for no less than (7) days and no more than (30) days; if no guardian can be
400 named by the state for the minor child, that child must be enrolled in a boot
410 camp program set up by the state for no less than (90) days; and,

420 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Those students being truant (3) days and who have reached the
430 age of majority, made to be held accountable by either completing (20) hours of
440 community service or a \$500.00 fine; if neither is satisfied, be compelled to
450 enroll in a boot camp program set up by the state.

460 MANDATES: Governor Robert Ehrlich
470 Lt. Governor Michael Steele
480 House of Delegates Speaker Michael Bush
490 Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller
500 Administrator of the State Board of Elections Linda H. Lamone
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