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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 280

Offered January 24, 2000

*Establishing a joint subcommittee to study the Virginia Public Procurement Act and the regulations adopted by the Department of General Services, Division of Purchases and Supply.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, by Chapter 647 of the 1982 Acts of Assembly, the General Assembly created the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA) (§ 11-35, et seq.) of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the VPPA is to enunciate the public policies pertaining to governmental procurement from nongovernmental sources and to regulate the procurement of goods, services, and construction by state and local public bodies; and

WHEREAS, it was the intent of the General Assembly in enacting the VPPA that public bodies in the Commonwealth would obtain high quality goods and services at reasonable cost, that all procurement procedures would be conducted in a fair and impartial manner, and that all qualified vendors would have access to public business; and

WHEREAS, although the VPPA has received repeated legislative scrutiny in recent years, these studies have not included a focused examination of state purchasing procedures, including, solicitation of bids, the prequalification of bidders, and other related procedures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study the Virginia Public Procurement Act and the regulations adopted by the Department of General Services, Division of Purchases and Supply. The joint subcommittee shall be composed of seven members as follows: four members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker; and three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 7,000.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Department of General Services. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2001 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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