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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 233

Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study small business development centers in Virginia and other locally based centers organized to assist and develop small businesses.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2000
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2000

WHEREAS, in order to promote a positive environment for small business development, it may be in the best interest of the Commonwealth, small businesses, and small business development centers and other locally based centers to study the existing procedures and criteria for small business development centers to receive state and federal funding under programs administered by the Virginia Department of Business Assistance; and

WHEREAS, certain small business development centers and locally based centers are concerned with the timing and levels of reimbursement from the Department; and

WHEREAS, certain small business development centers and locally based centers are concerned with the level of control exercised by the Virginia Department of Business Assistance over their operations and personnel decisions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission be directed to study small business development centers in Virginia and other locally based centers organized to assist and develop small businesses. In conducting the study, the Commission shall examine (i) the policies and procedures governing the formation of small business development centers in Virginia and other locally based centers organized to assist and develop small businesses; (ii) the existing procedures and criteria for such centers to receive state and federal funding under programs administered by the Virginia Department of Business Assistance; and (iii) the appropriate degree of control over the operations and personnel decisions of such centers by the Department. The Commission shall provide specific case studies of small business development centers affected by reimbursement decisions and operational and personnel control decisions by the Department of Business Assistance. The Commission shall make recommendations, as necessary, concerning the appropriate relationships between small business development centers and the Department to help the parties maintain cooperative working relationships and to provide the greatest opportunity for the growth and economic prosperity of small businesses in the Commonwealth.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2002 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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