

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 242

Continuing the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Developing a Center for Continuing and Vocational Education as the Joint Subcommittee Studying Continuing and Vocational/Technical Education.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2000
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2000

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 447 (1999) established the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Developing a Center for Continuing and Vocational Education; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee received considerable data and material on vocational/technical statutes and Virginia's secondary vocational and technical programs; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee approved a study plan calling for an ambitious set of site visits to vocational/technical schools and programs in the various parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee conducted three site visits to diverse secondary vocational/technical programs in the Richmond area and learned through the data and material provided to it as well as through the contact with students and teachers during these site visits that many issues must be addressed; and

WHEREAS, maintaining excellent and innovative vocational/technical programs in the public schools of the Commonwealth is essential to the well-being of Virginia's citizens, business and industry community, and students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility of Developing a Center for Continuing and Vocational Education be continued as the Joint Subcommittee Studying Continuing and Vocational/Technical Education. The joint subcommittee shall be composed of 14 members, which shall include 8 legislative members and 6 nonlegislative members as follows: three members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; five members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, in accordance with the principles of Rule 16 of the Rules of the House of Delegates; one representative of a small rural school division, who shall have expertise in adult education; one representative of the community college system; and one local school board member upon the recommendation of the Virginia School Board Association, all to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and one representative of a large urban school division, who shall have expertise in vocational and technical education; one representative of four-year institutions of higher education; and one representative of a career center which serves youth and young adults, all to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) complete the planned site visits of vocational/technical programs; (ii) review Virginia's laws relating to vocational/technical education for their relevancy to existing and future programs; (iii) continue its examination of the feasibility of developing a center for continuing and vocational education; and (iv) examine such other issues relating to continuing and vocational/technical education as it may deem necessary.

The Division of Legislative Services shall continue to provide staff support for the joint subcommittee. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$10,500.

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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