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Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the procurement processes for information technology services for public bodies.

Patrons—Ticer, Howell, Newman and Whipple; Delegates: Almand, Brink, Christian, Darner, May, Plum and Van Lanningham

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the use of technology is necessary for the provision of governmental services; and WHEREAS, public bodies throughout the Commonwealth are implementing electronic government initiatives; and

WHEREAS, not all public bodies can afford to hire in-house information technology specialists; and WHEREAS, public bodies may need to obtain the services of information technology consultants to carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of information technology services involves different concerns and requirements than the procurement of goods or of other services; and

WHEREAS, public bodies can contract with public entities to obtain information technology services and therefore may not be subject to the requirements of the Virginia Public Procurement Act; and

WHEREAS, contracting with public entities to procure information technology services may cause public entities to compete with the private sector in a manner that may favor public entities; and

WHEREAS, currently the Virginia Public Procurement Act does not allow a single contract for multiple information technology projects; 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 the procurement processes for information technology services for public bodies. The study shall address whether the current Virginia Public Procurement Act is sufficient to cover the procuring of information technology services and the effect that procurement of information technology services from public bodies has on private companies.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission for this study, upon request.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review 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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