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Establishing a joint subcommittee to study new approaches for moving people through mass transit and volunteer organizations.

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WHEREAS, recent changes to communications and positioning technology are enabling the Commonwealth to assess its current transportation systems and integrate them into a more convenient and sufficient network; and

WHEREAS, people must use the various transportation systems in the Commonwealth to travel to and from work, medical facilities and social activities, among other places; and

WHEREAS, current transportation systems in the Commonwealth include buses, van pools, taxis, and volunteer and faith-based organizations that provide transit services; and

WHEREAS, cutbacks in those systems reduce the availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, by providing a central communications network and using Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology, any organization with the appropriate equipment can utilize the system to help people requesting transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study new approaches for moving people through mass transit and volunteer organizations. The subcommittee shall be composed of eight members as follows: five members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and three members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates.

In conducting its study, the subcommittee shall examine existing communications systems, how new and emerging technologies can be incorporated into those systems, how volunteer organizations can utilize such technology and the liability of volunteer organizations that offer transit services.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$10,000.

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

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work by November 30, 2002, and shall submit its written findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2003 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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