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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 110**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules
on February 5, 2002)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Mims)

Requesting the Department of Motor Vehicles, with the assistance of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to study the adequacy of driver education programs available to youthful drivers.

WHEREAS, youthful drivers long have had and continue to have motor vehicle accidents with a frequency that is out of proportion to their percentage of the driving population; and

WHEREAS, more injuries to and deaths of young people in Virginia are attributable to motor vehicle accidents than to any other cause; and

WHEREAS, part of the explanation for this situation is the immaturity and inexperience of most youthful drivers, which the General Assembly has in recent years attempted to address through a number of statutes aimed at this element of the problem, there may be more that can be done to improve the abilities of youthful drivers by improving the training they receive through in-school driver training programs and commercial driver training schools; and

WHEREAS, of all the improvements that potentially can be made to driver training courses, the potential for improving driving skills of novice drivers is greatest through use of driving simulators and related technologies that permit students to confront simulated highway conditions without exposing them to real highway dangers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Motor Vehicles, with the assistance of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, be requested to study the adequacy of driver education programs available to youthful drivers. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the desirability and feasibility of incorporating driving simulators and related technologies into the driver training curricula of in-school programs and commercial driver training schools.

The Department of Motor Vehicles shall complete its work by November 30, 2002, and shall submit its 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.

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