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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 657

Requesting the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to study a "no wrong door" approach for long-term care services in Virginia. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 5, 2005

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2005

WHEREAS, long-term care is a vital government service to citizens of the Commonwealth; and
WHEREAS, long-term care services are provided by numerous state and local agencies; and
WHEREAS, consumers applying for services from one agency often require services provided by other agencies; and

WHEREAS, simplification of the process for accessing long-term care services would increase the availability of such services to citizens for whom they are intended to benefit; and

WHEREAS, a "no wrong door" approach simplifies access to long-term care resources by directing consumers who apply for services at an agency to other state and local agencies providing long-term care services for which they may be eligible; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has successfully implemented a "no wrong door" approach in other health and human services programs, including the Families Access to Medical Insurance Security Program; and

WHEREAS, AARP Virginia, in its recent report on long-term care, recommended a study of comprehensive access to long-term care services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources be requested to study a "no wrong door" approach for long-term care services in Virginia.

In conducting its study, the Secretary shall make appropriate recommendations for developing such a system for the Commonwealth.

Technical assistance shall be provided to the Secretary by the Department of Social Services. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Secretary for this study, upon request.

The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall complete her meetings by November 30, 2005, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of her findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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