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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 130

Requesting the Secretary of Technology to study the feasibility of developing a standard software package for local governments. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2010

Agreed to by the Senate, March 2, 2010

WHEREAS, localities currently use a variety of software applications for a number of administrative and operational purposes, such as finance and accounting, zoning and land use planning, public safety, payroll and employee benefits; and

WHEREAS, some localities, particularly smaller jurisdictions, may lack the financial resources or the staff expertise to acquire or develop the most efficient and cost effective software applications for their particular needs; and

WHEREAS, coordinating state expertise and resources with those localities in need of such support could result in both financial savings and better delivery of governmental services; and

WHEREAS, such coordination may result in the identification of certain areas where software applications can be standardized, therefore creating economies of scale for local procurement purposes, which may lead to further savings; and

WHEREAS, such software could be supplemented to meet the unique needs of any particular locality interested in utilizing it; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort by the Commonwealth and its localities to develop such standard software package, the use of which would not be required, but that could be cost effectively implemented, as needed, by any locality, could be of significant benefit to the Commonwealth, its localities and citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Technology be requested to study the feasibility of developing a standard software package for local governments. The Secretary shall also study the feasibility of identifying, developing, and customizing software applications that will improve the administration and operation of local programs and services, while providing cost savings.

In conducting his study, the Secretary of Technology shall consult with the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties, representatives from the information technology community from local jurisdictions, as well as private sector IT leaders. The Secretary shall report on the feasibility of such an approach as well as the potential cost savings and a recommended implementation strategy.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Secretary of Technology for this study, upon request.

The Secretary of Technology shall complete his assessment by November 30, 2010, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of his 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 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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