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1 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 130**
2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules
4 on February 26, 2010)
5 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Poindexter)
6 *Requesting the Secretary of Technology to study the feasibility of developing a standard software*
7 *package for local governments. Report.*
8 WHEREAS, localities currently use a variety of software applications for a number of administrative
9 and operational purposes, such as finance and accounting, zoning and land use planning, public safety,
10 payroll and employee benefits; and
11 WHEREAS, some localities, particularly smaller jurisdictions, may lack the financial resources or the
12 staff expertise to acquire or develop the most efficient and cost effective software applications for their
13 particular needs; and
14 WHEREAS, coordinating state expertise and resources with those localities in need of such support
15 could result in both financial savings and better delivery of governmental services; and
16 WHEREAS, such coordination may result in the identification of certain areas where software
17 applications can be standardized, therefore creating economies of scale for local procurement purposes,
18 which may lead to further savings; and
19 WHEREAS, such software could be supplemented to meet the unique needs of any particular locality
20 interested in utilizing it; and
21 WHEREAS, a coordinated effort by the Commonwealth and its localities to develop such standard
22 software package, the use of which would not be required, but that could be cost effectively
23 implemented, as needed, by any locality, could be of significant benefit to the Commonwealth, its
24 localities and citizens; now, therefore, be it
25 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Technology be
26 requested to study the feasibility of developing a standard software package for local governments. The
27 Secretary shall also study the feasibility of identifying, developing, and customizing software
28 applications that will improve the administration and operation of local programs and services, while
29 providing cost savings.
30 In conducting his study, the Secretary of Technology shall consult with the Virginia Municipal
31 League, the Virginia Association of Counties, representatives from the information technology
32 community from local jurisdictions, as well as private sector IT leaders. The Secretary shall report on
33 the feasibility of such an approach as well as the potential cost savings and a recommended
34 implementation strategy.
35 All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Secretary of Technology for this
36 study, upon request.
37 The Secretary of Technology shall complete his assessment by November 30, 2010, and shall submit
38 to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of his findings and
39 recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report
40 shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for
41 the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2011 Regular
42 Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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