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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

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*Requesting the Department of Education to study the feasibility of adding a curriculum and Standard of Learning relating to healthy lifestyle choices and reducing childhood obesity. Report.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

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WHEREAS, childhood obesity is a growing problem across the nation, including here in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since school-age children spend much of their time in school, during which time they sometimes consume two of their three daily meals, school seems an ideal place to address this concern; and

WHEREAS, the school system is uniquely situated to teach children the healthy living skills they will need now and for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Standards of Learning do not specifically address this issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Education be requested to study the feasibility of adding a curriculum and Standard of Learning relating to healthy lifestyle choices and reducing childhood obesity.

In conducting its study, the Department shall (i) examine existing Standards of Learning to see where such curriculum might fit within the existing framework, (ii) consider the feasibility of adding a new curriculum and Standard of Learning to address this need, (iii) consider other ways of implementing this type of curriculum outside of the Standards of Learning, and (iv) consider input from local school divisions on this issue.

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

The Department of Education shall complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2010, and for the second year by November 30, 2011, and the Department shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document for each year. The executive summaries and reports 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 next Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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