HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 570

Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the costs and benefits to the Commonwealth of providing financial and other incentives to localities that collaborate on capital facility construction projects and other operating services. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2011 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2011

WHEREAS, local governments are under fiscal stress due to the current economy; and

WHEREAS, the ability to raise sufficient revenue to satisfy expenditure needs is a concern in local government financing; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among local governments in constructing capital facilities and providing operating services to their population would produce significant cost savings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission be directed to study the costs and benefits to the Commonwealth of providing financial and other incentives to localities that collaborate on capital facility construction projects and other operating services.

In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall study the financial impact to the state and to localities of providing financial and other incentives to localities that collaborate on capital facility construction projects and other operating services.

Technical assistance shall be provided to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission by the Department of Education. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission for this study, upon request.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2011, and for the second year by November 30, 2012, and the Chairman shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year. Each executive summary shall state whether the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. 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 and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.