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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 173

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Requesting the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to study merging Eastern Virginia Medical School with Old Dominion University. Report.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Eastern Virginia Medical School is a private medical school operating in the Commonwealth since 1973; and

WHEREAS, the federal health care reform will create the need for more health professionals than ever; and

WHEREAS, Virginia does not currently have a state-supported medical school serving the Hampton Roads community; and

WHEREAS, Old Dominion University is an award-winning state-sponsored school located near Eastern Virginia Medical School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia be requested to study merging Eastern Virginia Medical School with Old Dominion University.

In conducting its study, the Council shall examine the impact of having a state-supported medical school in the Hampton Roads region; consider the fiscal implications merging Eastern Virginia Medical School into Old Dominion University; and accept input from interested stakeholders, including the boards of visitors of both institutions.

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

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2012, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its 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 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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