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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Requesting the Department of Aviation to study the coordination of stakeholders within the aviation industry for economic and workforce development. Report.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 29, 2020
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2020

WHEREAS, the aviation industry is critical to the strength and vitality of the economy of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, an important factor in attracting, developing, and expanding the aviation industry in the Commonwealth is providing access to a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the number of active certificated airplane pilots has been on a significant downward trend in the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, by 2037 the demand for new airline pilots is expected to top 117,000 in North America and 637,000 worldwide; and

WHEREAS, by 2037 the demand for new airline mechanics is expected to top 648,000 worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is uniquely fortunate in its resources for training aviation workers at all levels including K-12, community college, four-year university, and internship and apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS, there exists still a lack of coordination and strategic planning for the future demands of the industry among such educational resources, government, and industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Aviation be requested to study coordination of stakeholders within the aviation industry for economic and workforce development.

In conducting its study, the Department of Aviation shall convene a work group with representation from the aviation industry, the Department of Education, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and other interested parties to explore issues related to the continued development of the aviation industry and workforce, in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and other responsible federal agencies.

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

The Department of Aviation shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2020, 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 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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