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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 242

Offered January 25, 1994

*Continuing the study by the Virginia State Crime Commission of a comprehensive plan for the Commonwealth's criminal justice system.*

Patrons—Almand, Ball, Copeland, Cunningham, Reynolds and Woodrum; Senators: Cross, Goode and Robb

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 523 (1993) directed the Virginia State Crime Commission to conduct a study of the Virginia criminal justice system and to develop a comprehensive plan for its improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Commission has developed a multi-agency working group that has developed thirty-two preliminary recommendations for the improvement of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, there remains considerable work to be done, including fine-tuning and assigning of priorities to the recommendations for incorporation into a comprehensive plan designed to meet the future needs of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the working group has focused on improving the efficiency of delivery of services to offenders, promoting intervention with youth offenders, reducing recidivism, increasing the availability of effective community corrections programs, implementing community policing strategies and improving communications among the various agencies involved in the criminal justice system and with the public; and

WHEREAS, the multi-agency working group has expressed a continuing concern for the future of the criminal justice system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia State Crime Commission be directed to continue the study begun with the assistance of the multi-agency working group and to continue the development of the comprehensive plan for the Commonwealth's criminal justice system. Particular attention should be given to the financing of the preliminary recommendations. The Crime Commission should assign priorities to the preliminary recommendations for available funding and develop alternative funding schemes as well, with the assistance of the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Office of the Governor, and executive branch agencies.

The Crime Commission shall provide staff support for the study. Technical assistance shall be provided by all agencies represented on the multi-agency working group. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Crime Commission, upon request.

The Crime Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1995 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative documents.

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