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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 482

Offered January 19, 1995

Requesting that the Department of Information Technology study the feasibility of providing access to the Legislative Information System through the Internet.

Patrons—Newman, Callahan, Dudley, Fisher, Katzen, McClure, Nixon, Wardrup and Wilkins; Senator: Stosch

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Legislative Information System is a single source for timely and complete materials about the ongoing work of the General Assembly and its standing committees during each legislative session; and

WHEREAS, such information includes (i) the complete text of bills and resolutions as introduced, engrossed, and enrolled; (ii) the actions of the General Assembly and its standing committees on legislative initiatives during the course of the session; and (iii) information of general interest about the General Assembly and its membership and organization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to information related to the General Assembly and its ongoing work during each legislative session, the Virginia Constitution and the Code of Virginia, including annotations and historical citations, and current agency regulations as published in the Virginia Register are also searchable data bases in the Legislative Information System; and

WHEREAS, the Internet is a high-speed, international information super highway, to which millions of people are connected; and

WHEREAS, the information available through the Legislative Information System would be of great benefit and interest to the users of the Internet; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Information Technology study the feasibility of providing access to the Legislative Information System through the Internet, including issues related to security risks and costs of such access.

The Division of Legislative Automated Systems and the State Library shall participate in the study with the Department of Information Technology. All agencies and entities of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Information Technology upon request. The Department of Information Technology shall conclude its study and report its findings to the Governor and the 1996 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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