

1995 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 493

Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Studying Crime and Violence Prevention Through Community Economic Development.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1995

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1995

WHEREAS, the incidences of violent crimes in many Virginia jurisdictions, like those in other states, continue to escalate in spite of the best efforts of local law-enforcement organizations; and

WHEREAS, recently, the most effective crime prevention programs have enlisted communities and neighborhoods in a united effort to eradicate both criminal activity and the conditions that foster crime; and

WHEREAS, recent anti-crime initiatives such as the 1991 Richmond City/State Police Partnership, the anti-crime partnership authorized by § 2.1-51.6:3 of the Code of Virginia, and the federal "Weed and Seed" Program have effectively relied upon comprehensive efforts to reclaim neighborhoods from the thrall of criminal activity by linking traditional police services, including assistance from the State Police, with the resources of schools, housing agencies, code enforcement agencies, social service agencies, economic development organizations, and community-based organizations in a coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, these programs have resulted in the arrest and ultimate incarceration of significant numbers of criminals; the elimination of many of the physical, social, and economic factors that contributed to crime; and the restoration of some measure of community cohesion; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee Studying Crime and Violence Prevention Through Community Economic Development began its study in 1993, held numerous public hearings and work sessions, and proposed a number of legislative measures for consideration by the 1994 General Assembly and the 1994 Special Session; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee has determined that much work and study remains to be done to continue the progress in dealing with this enormously complex problem, particularly in encouraging economic development in depressed and disadvantaged communities and neighborhoods in our core cities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee Studying Crime and Violence Prevention Through Community Economic Development be continued. The members of the subcommittee shall remain and vacancies shall be filled according to the provisions of the original resolution.

The joint subcommittee shall be continued for one year only and shall complete its work in time to submit its final findings and recommendations 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.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$5,550.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of this study.

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