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Requesting the Criminal Justice Information Systems Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Services Board, in conjunction with the Council on Information Management and the Department of Information Technology, to develop a plan for the improvement of the Commonwealth's criminal justice information system.

Patrons—Almand, Ball, Copeland, Cunningham, Guest, Mims and Woodrum; Senators: Cross and Robb

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the various agencies and components of the Commonwealth's criminal justice system separately compile and maintain a vast amount of information on crimes, criminals and the operation of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, this information, which is necessary for the operation and administration of the programs of the various criminal justice agencies, is not necessarily shared among them or among any components of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's criminal justice agencies, the General Assembly and the Governor require this information in making informed and well-reasoned policy and budgetary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Services Board has created the Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee to oversee efforts to improve criminal justice information; and

WHEREAS, two agencies of the Commonwealth —The Council on Information Management and the Department of Information Technology — already exist to improve the management of information and the interagency and intergovernmental transfer of information; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Criminal Justice Information System Committee be requested to prepare a plan for the development and operation of an integrated criminal justice information system designed to improve the policy decision-making process and to ensure broader use of the information now being collected and maintained. The Committee shall make recommendations on (i) sharing criminal justice information, (ii) improving data collection and reducing duplication of effort, (iii) increasing flexibility in use and compilation of data to meet both administrative and operational needs of criminal justice agencies, and (iv) reducing present and future costs. The Committee shall consult with state and local criminal justice agencies and seek assistance from the Council on Information Management and the Department of Information Technology in the development and determination of the feasibility of its proposed solutions.

The Committee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the 1997 Session of the General Assembly, as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems, and shall make an interim report to the Virginia State Crime Commission, the Senate Finance Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Delegates before December 31, 1995.

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