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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 508
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules
on February 17, 1995)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Almand)

Requesting the Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee 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.

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, in conjunction with the Council on Information Management and the Department of Information Technology, be requested to develop a plan for the improvement of the Commonwealth's criminal justice information system. The plan shall include 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 initiate the planning phase of the plan development, utilizing the existing resources of the member agencies of the Criminal Justice Information Systems Committee, and report its progress to the Virginia State Crime Commission and the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 1995, as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents. The Criminal Justice Information System Committee shall develop a funding proposal for completion of the plan development and present this to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Department of Planning Budget by October 15, 1995, for consideration for inclusion in the 1996-1998 biennial budget.