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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 517

Directing the Virginia State Crime Commission to study expanding the community capacity for all community corrections system services and activities, to examine the role of the newly created community criminal justice boards in the development of local correctional programs and to examine the local composition of membership of the community criminal justice boards.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 1995
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1995

WHEREAS, the 1994 General Assembly enacted legislation which restructures the current community corrections system, creating new community criminal justice boards with responsibility for locally responsible offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections will continue to serve state responsible offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, the recent legislation provides for no representation from the Department of Corrections on the local boards; and

WHEREAS, community corrections services are presently offered by many different agencies at the state level, and localities must work with those many agencies on the issues of crime and community corrections; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of community corrections activities is essential to achieve efficiency and to assure that public safety is maintained, both at the state and local level; and

WHEREAS, there should be a mechanism to allow each locality to become as involved with the issues of crime prevention, planning, pretrial services, offender supervision and substance abuse treatment services, etc., as each locality or combination of localities is ready; and

WHEREAS, offender supervision and control must be maintained no matter what changes are made; and

WHEREAS, the public demands that government take all necessary and responsible measures to decrease the growth of crime and the criminal subculture in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia State Crime Commission be directed to study the enhancement of local community corrections programs, the role of the newly created community criminal justice boards, the membership of the new boards, and strategies to improve coordination of services in the community to both local and state responsible offenders. The Department of Corrections and the Department of Criminal Justice Services shall assist the Crime Commission in the conduct of this study.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its 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.

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