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1   **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 528**
2   Offered January 23, 1995
3 *Requesting the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia to study students' access to required*
4   *courses.*
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8   Referred to Committee on Rules
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10   WHEREAS, in recent years, the Commonwealth has suffered fiscal exigencies; and
11   WHEREAS, these financial difficulties have necessitated large budget cuts in higher education; and
12   WHEREAS, budget cuts and increasing costs have caused the public institutions of higher education
13 to increase their tuition considerably; and
14   WHEREAS, parents and students should be able to expect that higher costs means more services,
15 however, this has not been the case in many instances because the institutions are serving larger
16 populations; and
17   WHEREAS, because of reduced funding, colleges and universities have sometimes found it necessary
18 to limit the number of times classes are offered; and
19   WHEREAS, limitations on classes while student populations increase can only mean that some
20 students will not be able to get into classes when they need or want to; and
21   WHEREAS, when a student cannot register for a class needed for graduation during his junior or
22 senior year, the entire schedule for his academic career can be displaced; and
23   WHEREAS, students can experience delays in graduation because of not being able to enroll in a
24 required class, thus causing his parents greater expense for his education; now, therefore, be it
25   RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the State Council of Higher
26 Education of Virginia be requested to study students' access to required courses. In its study, the Council
27 is requested to assess whether this problem of insufficient class availability is restricted only to certain
28 institutions of higher education or whether the issue is pervasive in Virginia's system. The Council is
29 also asked to recommend steps to remediate or avoid the worsening of this problem.
30   The Council shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the
31 Governor and the 1996 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division
32 of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative documents.