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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 543

Requesting the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to monitor federal rule-making regarding au pair regulations and to report to the General Assembly.

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

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1995

WHEREAS, the safety of children is of the utmost importance; and
WHEREAS, parents and guardians have the right to have confidence in those providing care for their children; and
WHEREAS, all children have the right to be free from danger from those entrusted with their care; and
WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure to the best of his or her ability the safety of each child; and
WHEREAS, the United States Information Agency (USIA) sets guidelines for Exchange Visitor Programs and designates the agencies allowed to bring au pairs into the United States; and
WHEREAS, there are eight "designated" agencies allowed to bring au pairs into the United States and several of these agencies operate in Virginia; and
WHEREAS, the USIA can only draft voluntary regulations by which the designated agencies are not required to abide; and
WHEREAS, the USIA believes that further regulation is needed and has initiated a rule-making; and
WHEREAS, there is no state regulation of au pairs in Virginia; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources be requested to monitor federal rule-making regarding au pair regulations.
The Secretary shall report to the General Assembly by December 1, 1995, on the status of the federal rule-making and on any state action recommended to protect young children and to inform parents who use au pairs of their rights and responsibilities, as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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