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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 556

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Requesting the Secretary of Finance to study performance based budgeting.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, many states, including North Carolina and Texas, are using performance based budgeting processes; and

WHEREAS, a performance based budget describes specific goals, sets performance targets for agencies, and measures results; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Commission on Government Reform, Blue Ribbon Strike Force reviewed many government functions and commented on the performance of these functions; and

WHEREAS, a performance based budget would provide legislators, the Governor, and citizens more information about the performance of programs and agencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Finance be requested to study performance based budgeting.

The Secretary of Finance shall (i) review the experience of the states of North Carolina, Texas, and California with performance based budgeting; (ii) determine the feasibility and advisability of performance based budgeting for the Commonwealth; (iii) determine the feasibility and advisability of designing performance goals for each state agency and program; (iv) determine the feasibility and advisability of measuring achievement of performance goals for state agencies and programs; and (v) propose mechanisms to provide this information as part of the biennial budget process. As part of this study, the Secretary of Finance shall hold public hearings on performance based budgeting.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Secretary of Finance, upon request.

The Secretary of Finance shall complete his work in time to submit his 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 processing legislative documents.

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