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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 593

Offered January 23, 1995

*Requesting the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the family life education program.*

Patrons—Parrish, Marshall, May and Purkey; Senators: Benedetti and Colgan

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, during the 1986 interim, the Joint Subcommittee Studying Teenage Pregnancy held numerous meetings and hearings around the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee became convinced, during the course of this study, that a multifaceted approach would be necessary to address the problems of young people concerning living and sexuality; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee decided that one of the approaches to this problem should be to require every school division to implement a comprehensive, sequential family life education program; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee was acutely aware that family life education, by itself, would not be a solution to the teenage pregnancy problem and that many different means would be necessary to address the societal issues that result in the incidence of teenage pregnancy in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Subcommittee's recommendation did become state law and policy and a statewide, comprehensive, sequential family life education program was established which included specific components developed by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, it has been five years since the establishment of the family life education program and much controversy has erupted recently concerning the program's goals and effectiveness; now, there, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission be requested to study the family life education program. The Commission is asked to review all aspects of the program, including effectiveness in addressing the problems of children and young people, costs, quality of implementation, number of children opted out, the validity of parental objections, and any results in terms of reduced teenage pregnancy rates, reduced suicide rates, or reduced incidence of sexually transmitted disease. In its consideration, the Commission is also requested to examine the family living components of the program, such as dispute resolution and promotion of parental and community involvement.

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 processing legislative documents.

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