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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 687

Requesting the Secretary of Administration to study the cost savings as a result of the use of value engineering in certain capital projects and ascertain to what extent, if any, such value engineering may benefit localities.

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

WHEREAS, the 1994 General Assembly passed House Bill 18 and Senate Bill 125, identical bills that were signed into law by the Governor as Chapters 829 and 442, respectively, of the 1994 Acts of Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the legislation added a new section numbered 2.1-483.1:1 to Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the legislation required the Department of General Services, through its Division of Engineering and Buildings, to ensure that value engineering is employed for any project costing more than five million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the legislation defined "value engineering" as a systematic process of review and analysis of a capital project by a team of persons not originally involved in the project; and

WHEREAS, such team includes appropriate professionals licensed pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such team is to offer suggestions that improve project quality and reduce total project cost by combining or eliminating inefficient or expensive parts or steps in the original proposal or by totally redesigning the project using different technologies, materials, or methods; and

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services is under the direction and control of the Secretary of Administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Administration be requested to study the cost savings that have resulted from the use of value engineering in capital projects costing more than five million dollars and ascertain to what extent, if any, such value engineering may benefit localities.

All agencies and entities of the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the Secretary, upon request. The Secretary shall conclude his study and report his findings 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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