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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 263

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Identifying study topics in the functional area of administration of justice by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

Patrons—Walker, Andrews, Gartlan, Holland, R.J. and Miller, K.G.; Delegates: Ball, Callahan, Councill, DeBoer, Dickinson, Hall, Miller, Murphy and Putney

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act (§ 30-65 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia provides for the evaluation of state government according to schedules and areas designated for study by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a companion resolution of this session of the General Assembly identifies administration of justice as a functional area of state government to be reviewed at such time as sufficient Commission resources become available; and

WHEREAS, § 30-67 of the Code of Virginia provides that prior to the years in which a functional area of government is designated for review, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission may identify to the extent feasible the agencies, programs or activities selected for review and evaluation from the functional area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That pursuant to §§ 30-65 through 30-72 of the Code of Virginia, the agencies, programs, and activities subject to review and evaluation in the designated functional area of administration of justice shall include, but not be limited to, (i) the system of juvenile justice in Virginia, including the Department of Youth and Family Services, the Department of Correctional Education, and the operation of youth learning centers and services units at the state and local level; (ii) the system of courts in Virginia, including the various courts, the magistrate system, the Virginia State Bar, the Public Defender Commission, and the funding of court-appointed counselors; and (iii) the Department of Criminal Justice Services; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to the powers and duties specified in § 30-58.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall plan and initiate reviews of these agencies, programs, or activities, including consideration of matters relating to any previous Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report of these areas; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That in carrying out this review, the agencies identified for study by this resolution or subsequently identified by the Commission, other affected agencies, and the Auditor of Public Accounts shall cooperate as requested and shall make available all records and information necessary for the completion of the work of the Commission and its staff; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Commission shall complete its work and submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly in accordance with the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative documents.

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