

1995 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 266

Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Studying Virginia's Current Bingo and Raffle Statutes.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 1995
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 1995

WHEREAS, the General Assembly established a nine-member joint subcommittee to study Virginia's current bingo and raffle statutes pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 195 (1993) and authorized the joint subcommittee to continue its work pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 (1994); and

WHEREAS, in its first year of study, the joint subcommittee examined bingo abuses, including bingo facility rental fees, profits returned to charitable organizations, and the creation of bogus charities to operate illegal bingo games; and

WHEREAS, in its second year of study, the joint subcommittee expanded its scope to address the feasibility of transferring control of bingo games and raffles from local governments to the state level; and

WHEREAS, although the joint subcommittee solicited and received valuable comment from local government officials, industry representatives and charitable organizations, further study is necessary to develop recommendations that will ensure the integrity of bingo operations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the joint subcommittee studying Virginia's current bingo and raffle statutes be continued to consider further the issues of bingo abuses, lack of uniformity in the administration and enforcement of bingo and raffle operations, and the efficacy of statewide control of bingo games and raffles. Membership of the joint subcommittee shall continue as originally appointed, with vacancies to be filled by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Governor, as appropriate.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 5,000.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall be continued for one year only and shall complete its work in time to submit its final 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 the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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