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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 283

*Requesting the office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to make the checklist related to child visitation schedules developed pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 64 (1994) available to pro se litigants.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 1995

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

WHEREAS, the office of The Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court, in cooperation with the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar and the Domestic Relations Section of the Virginia Bar Association, developed a checklist to assist the judiciary in developing and implementing model child visitation schedules pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 64 (1994); and

WHEREAS, the checklist incorporates the factors to be addressed in child-focused visitation schedules in accordance with the work done by the Commission on Youth pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 243 (1993); and

WHEREAS, the checklist is based on the concept that children need frequent and predictable contact with both parents, while avoiding an overly rigid or formalistic approach to allocating time with the child between both parents; and

WHEREAS, parents who enter the court system, whether represented by counsel or not, should be informed of these considerations and of the bases on which judges may formulate visitation schedules when the parents are unable to reach agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia be requested to develop one or more mechanisms to make the checklist available to pro se litigants in cases involving child visitation schedules.

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