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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 119

House Amendments in [] — February 8, 1996

Requesting the State Council of Higher Education [for Virginia] and the State Board for Community Colleges to examine ways to strengthen [and focus] funding for the Virginia Community College System.

Patrons—Diamonstein, Christian, Clement, Dickinson and Dillard; Senator: Chichester

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth boasts a system of higher education that includes 39 state-supported colleges and universities, 40 independent institutions, and 23 community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's community colleges provide multiple educational opportunities for citizens across the state, offering a variety of associate degree programs, worker training, and continuing education programs; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive missions of Virginia's community colleges encompass not only education but also economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's community colleges merit financial support that not only ensures continued quality but also acknowledges the diverse student populations and programs that characterize these institutions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the State Board for Community Colleges [be requested to] examine ways to strengthen and focus funding for the Virginia Community College System. The Council and the Board shall consider the unique missions, student populations, and programs offered by the community colleges.

The State Council and the State Board System shall complete their work in time to submit their findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1997 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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