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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 120

Offered January 22, 1996

Requesting the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to evaluate and review the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission.

Patron—Hall

Referred to Committee on Rules

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

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 262 of the 1995 Session of the General Assembly identifies administration of justice as a functional area of state government to be reviewed at such time as sufficient Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission resources become available; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 263 of the 1995 Session scheduled several topics for review in the area of administration of justice which included the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the system of juvenile justice and the court system in Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission shall be an additional topic of review and evaluation by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission pursuant to the Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to §§ 30-59 and 30-69, the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission shall make available to the staff of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission all records, transcripts, papers, investigative notes or other documents in the possession of the Commission and shall make accessible to the staff of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission all proceedings before the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission. The staff of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall keep confidential all records, transcripts, papers, investigative notes or other confidential information obtained through this review in accordance with § 2.1-37.13; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Commission shall complete its work and submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly in accordance with the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.