

1996 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Directing the Virginia State Crime Commission to study funding of criminal justice training academies.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 1996

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1996

WHEREAS, professional training for law-enforcement officers is provided by regional criminal justice training academies located throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that such training be the best possible for every student and should be uniformly excellent no matter where provided; and

WHEREAS, training costs differ from locality to locality; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding should be assured statewide in order that all criminal justice professionals in the Commonwealth receive the training necessary to enable them to properly serve the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the budgeted amount for such training has actually decreased since fiscal year 90/91 in spite of increased need for such funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia State Crime Commission be directed to study (i) the development of an appropriate funding formula for regional academies to assure each is funded equitably and sufficiently, (ii) the current statutory structure of the current funding mechanism as related to realistic training needs, and (iii) the adequacy of funding statewide. The Commission shall be assisted by other agencies of the Commonwealth at the request of the Commission. The Department of Criminal Justice Services will be requested to assist in the study.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its 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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