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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

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Memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States in support of consolidated state plans under the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 for federally supported programs for educationally at-risk students.

Patrons—Connally, Christian, Darner, Davies, Dillard, Rhodes and Van Yahres; Senators: Lambert, Miller, Y.B. and Woods

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, for the purposes of serving students who are educationally at-risk, the Commonwealth has received a separate federal appropriation for each program targeted to assisting educationally at-risk students and public schools, although such programs are related; and

WHEREAS, accountability for the use of these separate pools of funds often results in the duplication of services, inefficient service delivery, and inconsistency because of the lack of communication among schools and agencies serving the same groups of children; and

WHEREAS, the regulations governing such programs are difficult to change, limiting program effectiveness and efficient service delivery to eligible students and schools; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 reauthorization of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (IASA), provided states an opportunity to submit one consolidated plan for the coordinated use of programs and moneys for educationally at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Board of Education elected to submit a consolidated plan to include all eligible programs under the Act; and

WHEREAS, this comprehensive approach to delivering educational services to children is more effective and efficient, reduces duplication of services, and facilitates and enhances communication among schools and agencies administering such educational programs and providing related support services; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to coordinate these educational and support services will impact the academic achievement of the children served in a measurable and positive way; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the President and the Congress of the United States be urged to support consolidated state plans under the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 for federally supported programs for educationally at-risk students; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation to apprise them of the sense of the Virginia General Assembly.

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