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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 83

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Establishing a joint subcommittee to examine the missions and operations of foundations, corporations, and other organizations created by public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, that education is a fundamental value of the Commonwealth may well be reflected in the excellence of its public institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, while the development and operation of an "educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of higher education" is the statutory duty of the State Council of Higher Education, the governing board of each institution is also granted autonomy and flexibility in management, operations, governance, and other actions necessary to meet the unique mission of the particular institution; and

WHEREAS, the increasing reputations of Virginia's colleges and universities have affected applications and enrollment, challenging these institutions to meet the demands of growth with fiscal prudence, efficiency, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, institutions have created a variety of foundations, corporations, and other related organizations to support the university and college operations and missions; and

WHEREAS, a review of the activities and management of these university-related organizations is necessary to ensure that the purposes of these organizations are consistent with institutional missions and the goals of the Commonwealth's system of higher education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to examine the missions and operations of foundations, corporations, and other organizations created by public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth. The joint subcommittee shall review the creation, management, governance, and activities of such corporations and organizations; the relationship between these entities and faculty, administration, and governing boards; the existence and operations of similar institutions in other states; and such other issues as it deems appropriate.

The joint subcommittee shall consist of nine members as follows: five members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and four members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 5,400.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee 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 processing legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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