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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

Senate Amendments in [] — February 13, 1996

Continuing the Greater Richmond Area Regionalism Study.

Patrons—Benedetti, Lambert and Marsh; Delegates: Hall, Jones, D.C. and Watkins

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 383 (1995) established a joint subcommittee to examine the delivery of certain government services in the Greater Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee met five times during 1995 to determine which, if any, government services should be considered for regionalization; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee decided that a cost/benefit analysis performed by an outside consultant would be helpful to the study; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee decided to participate in the "request for proposals" (RFP) process in order to contract with a consultant to perform such an analysis; and

WHEREAS, the RFP process was extremely time-consuming; and

WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee was allotted \$10,000 for consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the complete cost/benefit analysis will require more funding as well as time to complete; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the joint subcommittee cannot be achieved without such an analysis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Greater Richmond Area Regionalism Study Joint Subcommittee be continued in order to decide on and contract with a consultant to perform the cost/benefit analysis so that the joint subcommittee can complete its goal of determining which, if any, government services should be offered on a regional basis in the Greater Richmond Area.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$160,000, of which \$140,000 may be used to obtain consulting services [if such funding and the manner in which those funds will be used are provided in the Appropriations Act] .

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Commission on Local Government. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall be continued for one year only and 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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