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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61**  
**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
(Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee  
on March 9, 1996)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Benedetti)

*Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Studying Greater Richmond Area Regionalism.*

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 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 cost-benefit analysis will require more funding and time for its completion; 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 Joint Subcommittee Studying Greater Richmond Area Regionalism be continued to decide upon and contract with a consultant to perform the cost-benefit analysis to enable the joint subcommittee to 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 \$20,000. Any expenses incurred by the joint subcommittee for contracting consulting services shall only be funded from funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly for such purposes, subject to terms and conditions in the Appropriation 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 the processing of 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.