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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

Senate Amendments in [ ] — February 9, 1996

Directing [ ~~Commission on Family Violence Prevention to assure adequate levels and scope of law enforcement training in family violence issues;~~ the Commission on Family Violence to assure that training is provided on family violence issues to justice system professionals. ]

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Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has acknowledged that family violence is a serious problem that merits legislative attention, but legislation alone can not adequately address the complex issues involved in family violence; and

WHEREAS, to effectively implement legislation and reduce the incidence of family violence the Commonwealth must enlist the resources and expertise of a broad base of professionals who must receive adequate and comprehensive cross-disciplinary training; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Family Violence Prevention has developed interdisciplinary training materials designed to improve professional responses to family violence; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Commission on Family Violence Prevention assure that training is provided for justice system professionals, including judges, Commonwealth's attorneys, law enforcement officers, clerks, intake officers, and magistrates, on the statutory provisions and procedures related to protective orders and stalking, using materials developed by the Commission.

The Commission shall report on the results of its training effort and make further recommendations, if any, 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.

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