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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

Offered January 22, 1996

*Establishing a joint subcommittee to study the efficacy and appropriateness of establishing an institute for industrial arts in the Commonwealth.*

Patrons—Hawkins, Chichester, Couric, Goode, Holland, Marye, Newman, Potts, Stolle, Ticer, Whipple and Woods; Delegates: Bryant, Clement and Crouch

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the development of a skilled, educated workforce is essential to the future growth and prosperity of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in a global economy dominated by high productivity, advanced technology, and intense competition, it is imperative that educational opportunities for Virginia be based on the "underlying assumption . . . that every student can be educated to be a productive worker in a high wage, high skill society"; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's system of higher education, comprised of two- and four-year institutions, provides a variety of degree programs and opportunities for continuing education and professional development; and

WHEREAS, while the diverse missions of these institutions encompass education, research, and economic and community development, there are certain student populations whose vocational and professional training needs cannot be met by these institutions; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a regional institute for industrial arts, combining the expertise and experience of educators and business leaders, might offer a curriculum specifically designed to provide the professional and vocational training necessary to produce a skilled workforce and to attract business and industry to the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study the efficacy and appropriateness of establishing an institute of industrial arts in the Commonwealth. The joint subcommittee shall consider, among other things, the need for specific vocational, technical, and professional training and the types of curricula and degrees an institute of industrial arts should offer; the location, governance, and funding of such an institute; ways to facilitate partnerships between the public and private sectors in creating and operating such an institute; creative methods of incorporating the education and experience of craftsmen, business leaders, engineers, technicians, and others in the delivery of instruction; and such other issues as it deems appropriate.

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

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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