

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1997 SESSION

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 464

*Directing the Virginia State Crime Commission to evaluate capital construction policies and procedures of the Department of Corrections and to evaluate the reporting procedures of the Inspector General of the Department of Corrections.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 1997  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 1997

WHEREAS, defects in construction have become apparent in several of the Department of Corrections new correctional facilities, particularly medium security dormitories; and

WHEREAS, Department of Corrections' funds expended to correct construction problems have been substantial; and

WHEREAS, final payments and performance bonds have been released while serious questions still exist concerning contract performance; and

WHEREAS, new construction that is currently being performed or scheduled in the near future represents a substantial investment in state resources; and

WHEREAS, the position of Inspector General of the Department of Corrections is established by the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Inspector General of the Department of Corrections reports to the Director; and

WHEREAS, the Inspector General is empowered to investigate allegations of criminal behavior which affects the operations of the Department; and

WHEREAS, to maintain the confidence of the people of the Commonwealth, an examination of the construction practices of the Department of Corrections and an examination of reporting procedures of the Inspector General within the Department of Corrections are necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia State Crime Commission be directed to evaluate capital construction policies and procedures used by the Department of Corrections, including, but not limited to, contract compliance and legal recovery for inadequate, incomplete, or substandard construction, and to evaluate the reporting procedures of the Inspector General of the Department of Corrections.

All agencies of the Commonwealth, particularly the Department of Corrections and the Office of the Attorney General, shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

The Commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1998 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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