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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 471

Offered January 15, 1997

Requesting the Virginia State Crime Commission to study the training and arrest powers of city sheriffs and their deputies.

Patrons—Moore, Almand, Cunningham, Davies, Guest, Watts and Woodrum; Senators: Earley, Howell, Lucas, Stolle and Waddell

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia establishes that sheriffs of the independent cities of the Commonwealth have the authority to create deputy sheriffs to assist them with their work; and

WHEREAS, city sheriffs sometimes are called upon to make arrests within the cities; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia does not clearly delineate what powers city deputies have regarding arrest; and

WHEREAS, because of the increasing demands placed upon city sheriffs, an evaluation of the current training in relation to other law enforcement officers is necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia State Crime Commission study the necessity of additional training for city sheriffs and their deputies and the necessity of clarifying the powers of arrest of the city sheriffs and deputies, including the various definitions the Code of Virginia lists for "law enforcement officer."

All agencies of the Commonwealth 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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