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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 261**

Senate Amendments in [ ] — January 23, 1997

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

Patrons—Benedetti, Lambert, Marsh, Martin and Stosch; Delegates: Cunningham, Drake, Hall, Jones, D.C., Katzen, McEachin, Rhodes, Wardrup and Watkins

Referred to the Committee on Rules

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 decided that a cost-benefit analysis performed by an outside consultant would be helpful to the study and the joint subcommittee went through the RFP process in order to select a consultant to perform such an analysis; and

WHEREAS, a cost-benefit analysis required more funding and time for its completion; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 61 (1996) continued the study to allow the consultant to complete its work; and

WHEREAS, the consultant, David M. Griffith & Associates, Inc., gathered volumes of information regarding public transit, water and wastewater, health and social services; and

WHEREAS, more time is needed to carefully consider the information gathered and recommendations of the consultant regarding the other three areas of services, 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 enable the joint subcommittee to~~ . The joint subcommittee shall ] complete its goal of determining which, if any, government services should be offered on a regional basis in the Greater Richmond area. [ The members duly appointed pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 383 (1995) shall continue to serve, except that any vacancies shall be filled as provided in the enabling resolution. ]

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$20,000.

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 joint subcommittee, 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 1998 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.

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