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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 313

Offered January 20, 1997

Requesting the Library Board to enter into a cooperative procurement agreement with local libraries needing to automate their library services.

Patrons—Newman; Delegates: Bryant, Crouch, Putney and Wilkins

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth, as a part of its provision for public education, is committed to promoting the establishment and development of public library service throughout its various public subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, library automation and on-line catalogs enhance the services libraries provide to their patrons; and

WHEREAS, a number of local libraries have not been able to automate their services because of the acquisition costs in procuring computer systems on their own; and

WHEREAS, § 11-40 of the Code of Virginia allows for any public body to participate in, sponsor, or conduct, or administer a cooperative agreement with one or more other public bodies, or agencies of the United States government, for the purpose of combining requirements to increase efficiency or reduce administrative expense; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board is invested with the full authority to enter into agreements with institutions and organizations with purposes similar to it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Library Board be requested to enter into a cooperative procurement agreement with local libraries needing to automate their library services; and, be it.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Library Board be requested to promptly execute the cooperative agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

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