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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 123

Offered January 26, 1998

Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Studying Greater Richmond Area Regionalism.

Patrons—Marsh and Lambert; Delegates: Hall and McEachin

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, 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, Senate Joint Resolution 261 (1997) continued the study in order for the consultant to finalize its report and make its recommendations to the subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the consultant issued its report in the summer of 1997 in which it recommended that the General Assembly support the Metropolitan Planning Organization's short-range public transportation plan as well as other regional activities, 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 provide oversight to the three local governments involved in this study to ensure the implementation of certain regional plans and programs in the Greater Richmond area.

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 1999 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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