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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 810

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Establishing a joint subcommittee to study competitive sealed bidding procedures for the procurement of printing goods and services for the Commonwealth as administered by the Department of General Services through its Division of Purchases and Supply.

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 Consent to introduce

 Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Virginia Public Procurement Act was enacted to regulate the procurement of certain goods and services by public bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services, through its Division of Purchases and Supply, administers the Act for the procurement by competitive sealed bidding of certain printing goods and services for the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed regarding how the Division of Purchases and Supply administers this procedure; and

WHEREAS, these concerns range from specific instances to broad policy, from acceptance of individual bids which do not conform to the original Request for Proposal to statutorily imposed preferences for recycled paper and paper products; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study competitive sealed bidding procedures for the procurement of printing goods and services for the Commonwealth as administered by the Department of General Services through its Division of Purchases and Supply. The joint subcommittee shall be composed of seven members, which shall include five legislative members and two citizen members as follows: three members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker; two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; and two representatives recommended by the Printing Industries of Virginia, Inc., one to be appointed by the Speaker and one to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall examine restrictions on the geographic location of bidders; changes in specifications from the original Request for Proposal; acceptance of bids which do not conform to the original Request for Proposal; bidding procedures involving printing by the Department of Corrections; reciprocity with other states which impose restrictions upon nonresident printers; preferences regarding recycled paper and paper products used by agencies of the Commonwealth; other matters affecting the competitive sealed bidding process; and the need for any amendments to the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 4,750.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Department of General Services. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2000 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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