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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 412

Senate Amendments in [] — February 9, 1999

Requesting the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in conjunction with the Department of State Police and Department of Military Affairs, to study the development of a statewide driver training facility.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Commonwealth to assure the safety of its citizens; and
WHEREAS, well-qualified and well-trained criminal justice officers are paramount to assuring the safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, criminal justice training academies are responsible for training criminal justice officers in the Commonwealth in critical and high liability skill areas such as driver training in emergency high-speed responses; and

WHEREAS, each academy has different levels of resources to support driver training programs; and
WHEREAS, some of these resources, such as parking lots and airstrips, cannot adequately provide the types of conditions, terrain, surfaces, or events that an officer may encounter while operating a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of accidents resulting from pursuits or emergency responses take an extreme toll on life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Services Board has promulgated regulations training criminal justice officers in driving skills; and

WHEREAS, there is no comprehensive driver training facility appropriate for high-speed, emergency response training, or other enhanced driving skills [available for statewide use] in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in conjunction with the Department of State Police and the Department of Military Affairs, be requested to conduct a comprehensive study of the feasibility, costs, methods of financing and cost recovery, facility management, and potential state and local agency utilization of a comprehensive driver training facility for statewide use at Fort Pickett or another suitable location.

The departments shall complete their work in time to submit their 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.

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