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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 646

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*Requesting the Department of Education to collaborate with university, industry, and local school board stakeholders engaged in K-12 education outreach to identify best practices, pursue collaborative activities, and define a set of actions that will facilitate student participation and workforce development in math and science fields. Report.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science identified industry outreach education programs as essential to generating interest in math and science among elementary, middle, and high school students; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science continues to pursue greater science and technology education among students of all ages to ensure high-tech corporations located in Virginia and those considering doing business in Virginia have access to an educated and trained workforce; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no standards or best practices that private industry can use to develop K-12 education outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, by collaborating with interested industry representatives the Virginia Department of Education can pursue potential partnerships and funding opportunities for local school boards across the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Education be requested to collaborate with university, industry, and local school board stakeholders engaged in K-12 education outreach to identify best practices, pursue collaborative activities, and define a set of actions that will facilitate student participation and workforce development in math and science fields.

In conducting its study, the Department of Education shall (i) identify companies and universities operating education outreach programs and opportunities for nearby local school boards to collaborate with those companies and universities and (ii) identify and make available a list of best practices for companies and universities operating education outreach programs in science, technology, engineering, and math for K-12 students.

Technical assistance shall be provided to the Department of Education by the State Council on Higher Education. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Education for this study, upon request.

The Department of Education shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2007, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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