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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 243

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*Increasing the membership of the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding.*_____
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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 50 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 76 (2012) directed the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to study strategies for adaptation to prevent recurrent flooding in Virginia's Tidewater and Eastern Shore localities; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 16 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 (2014) established the Joint Subcommittee to Formulate Recommendations to Address Recurrent Flooding, as recommended by the report issued by VIMS following its initial study; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 16 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 35 (2022) last continued this study as the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding to recommend short-term and long-term strategies for minimizing the impact of flooding and further study and address major concerns of riverine flooding and flooding from stormwater in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the current membership of the joint subcommittee consists of a total membership of 11 members that consists of five members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and three nonlegislative citizen members, one of whom is a business leader and one of whom is a representative of the environmental community appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and one of whom is a local official representing Virginia's flood-prone communities appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and

WHEREAS, the significant economic, social, infrastructural, and environmental challenges posed by flooding in the Commonwealth necessitate additional expertise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the membership of the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding be increased. The current membership shall be increased by adding six members, including two nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one of whom shall be a representative of the development community and one of whom shall be a certified floodplain manager; two nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall be a business leader and one of whom shall be a representative of the environmental community; and two local elected officials from separate regions of the Commonwealth representing Virginia's flood-prone communities, one of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and shall be from an urban area impacted by stormwater flooding and one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and shall be from a rural area impacted by riverine flooding.

The current member of the joint subcommittee who is a local official representing Virginia's flood-prone communities appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules shall, upon the next appointment period, be replaced by a local official representing an area impacted by coastal flooding appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

The additional direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$8,400.

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