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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 257

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Requesting the annual submission of certain information to the General Assembly.

Patrons—Marye, Holland, Miller, Y.B. and Trumbo; Delegates: Crittenden and Guest

Referred to the Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, in 1992, the General Assembly established the Joint Subcommittee Studying Measures to Reduce Emissions from Coal-Carrying Railroad Cars in response to complaints of blowing coal dust by residents and businesses close to certain railroad lines; and

WHEREAS, in response to the work of the Joint Subcommittee, the affected railroad companies, in cooperation with the coal companies whose products they transport, were able to identify and employ techniques and technologies that have significantly reduced the amount of coal dust blown from moving trains; and

WHEREAS, although the Joint Subcommittee has not found legislative action by the General Assembly in this area to be either necessary or desirable at the present time, it is highly desirable that the General Assembly be kept abreast of actions by railroad companies and coal producers that may affect the amount of coal dust blown from moving trains so that timely action may be taken if such should prove necessary or desirable in the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That information on actions and activities having or likely to have an impact on coal dust blown from trains operating in or through Virginia, including but not limited to the number, frequency, and location of complaints from the public about coal dust blown from trains, be made available by affected railroad companies at least annually to members of the General Assembly through offices of the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates.

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