



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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MINUTES

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Attending:

JLARC MEMBERS: Senator Kevin G. Miller (Chairman); Delegate Lacey E. Putney (Vice Chairman); Delegate Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.; Senator Charles J. Colgan; Delegate Frank D. Hargrove, Sr.; Delegate Johnny S. Joannou; Delegate Harry J. Parrish; Delegate Leo C. Wardrup, Jr.; Mr. Walter J. Kurcharski (Ex-officio)

JLARC Staff: Phil Leone, Kirk Jonas, Glen Tittermary, Bob Rotz, Trish Bishop, John Long, Paula Lambert, Kimberly Sarte, Walt Smiley, Michelle Hebert-Giffen, Nathalie Molliet-Ribet.

Others: Jeff Shapiro (Richmond Times Dispatch); Bob Lewis (Associated Press); Rob Jones (Virginia Education Association); Neal Minx (Senate Finance Committee); Pete Giesen (Lobbyist); Paul Van Lenten (Department of Planning and Budget); Betty Jo Fields (Virginia Municipal League); Katie Webb (Hospital Association); Wayne Turnage (Health and Human Resources); Paul Nardo (Speaker's Office).

Senator Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., following an earlier topic selection work session of the Commission. Senator Miller recognized Mr. Philip Leone, JLARC Staff Director. Mr. Leone introduced two new staff members, who were welcomed by the Chairman.

Mr. Leone then reviewed the agenda (Enclosure 1). Mr. Leone introduced Ms. Kimberly Sarte, the Project Leader of the staff study titled "Technical Report: State Funding Formula for Educational Technology." The

briefing slides for the presentation are at Enclosure 2. The Commission Draft of the report is at Enclosure 3. Commission members also asked Michelle Hebert-Giffen questions on teachers' use of computers in the classroom. The official response of the Department of Education, a letter from Dr. JoLynne DeMary, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, is included at Enclosure 4. No one from DOE made a statement.

Initially, there was no motion to receive [and print] the report. Several members indicated a reluctance to endorse in any way the notion that these funding options be adopted into the Standards of Quality. Mr. Leone asked for guidance from the Commission on what to do regarding the distribution of the report. Senator Chichester made and Delegate Callahan seconded a motion that the report be received and approved for printing. Delegate Wardrup offered and Delegate Joannou seconded a substitute motion "that the report be received and printed and that Mr. Leone include a statement in the report that the report was received but not approved by the Commission." Delegates Callahan, Hargrove, Joannou, Parrish, Putney, and Wardrup voted in favor of the motion as did the Chairman, Senator Miller.

The chair stated that the report was "received but not approved" and could be printed and placed on the JLARC web site.

Mr. Leone then introduced Mr. Walt Smiley, the Section Manager of the JLARC Fiscal Analysis Section. Mr. Smiley presented the "2003 State Spending Update." The briefing slides are included at Enclosure 5.

Mr. Leone then presented the "2003 Report to the General Assembly," which is included at Enclosure 6. It was moved by Delegate Wardrup and seconded by Delegate Joannou that the report be received and printed. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Commission rose.


Approved by:


Philip A. Leone, Director

Date:

September 9, 2003

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