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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study ways in
2 which the Commonwealth can better provide government services
3 at minimal public cost by utilizing, where appropriate,
4 private enterprise.

5 WHEREAS, It is the function of government to establish
6 policies and manage programs established by or pursuant to law;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, It is the function of the private enterprise system,
9 which is the primary source of economic strength, to provide
10 goods and services needed in that endeavor; and

11 WHEREAS, Optimum efficiency, economy and productivity can
12 often be achieved if government relies on competitive
13 procurements from private enterprise for its needs, goods and
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, In a democratic, free enterprise system, the
16 government should work to insure that quality standards are met
17 at the least possible cost to taxpayers; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission appoint

1 a task force to conduct a thorough study of ways in which the
2 Commonwealth can provide government services at minimal public
3 cost by utilizing, where appropriate, private enterprise; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That the task force may appoint an advisory
6 committee to:

7 (1) review and identify governmental functions which
8 could better be performed by private enterprise;

9 (2) review existing privatization efforts on the
10 Federal, State and local levels;

11 (3) establish standards of evaluation of existing
12 governmental services by applying cost-benefit analysis and
13 taking into account quality, safety and other performance
14 standards;

15 (4) review current bidding and procurement regulations
16 to determine their efficiency;

17 (5) review the possibility of integrating public and
18 private services; and

19 (6) in particular, examine service areas, including, but
20 not limited to, the following:

21 (i) transportation, including operation,
22 construction, design of highways and transportation-
23 related projects;

24 (ii) municipal services;

25 (iii) hazardous waste and environmental services;

26 (iv) human services, including mental health and
27 mental retardation services;

28 (v) hospital operation;

29 (vi) housing and redevelopment programs;

30 (vii) education and training services; and

1 (viii) administrative services, including data
2 processing and records management; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report
4 the findings of its task force, together with recommendations
5 for appropriate legislation, to the General Assembly as soon as
6 possible.