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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 DIRECTING THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO STUDY WAYS IN <—
6 WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH CAN ENHANCE SERVICE EFFICIENCY AT
7 MINIMAL ECONOMIC PUBLIC COST.

8 ~~WHEREAS, It is the function of government to establish~~ <—
9 ~~policies and manage programs established by or pursuant to law;~~

10 and

11 ~~WHEREAS, It is the function of the private enterprise system,~~
12 ~~which is the primary source of economic strength, to provide~~
13 ~~goods and services needed in that endeavor; and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, Optimum efficiency, economy and productivity can~~
15 ~~often be achieved if government relies on competitive~~
16 ~~procurements from private enterprise for its needs, goods and~~
17 ~~services; and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 ~~(ii) municipal services;~~

26 ~~(iii) hazardous waste and environmental services;~~

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

29 ~~(v) hospital operation;~~

30 ~~(vi) housing and redevelopment programs;~~

1 (4) ASSESS THE EFFICIENCY OF CURRENT PROCUREMENT AND
2 BIDDING REGULATIONS;

3 (5) EXAMINE SERVICE AREAS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
4 TO, THE FOLLOWING:

5 (I) ALL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES;

6 (II) MUNICIPAL SERVICES;

7 (III) HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES;

8 (IV) HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT;

9 (V) HOSPITAL OPERATION;

10 (VI) EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES; AND

11 (VII) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; AND

12 (6) PREPARE A HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO
13 STREAMLINE PUBLIC SERVICES AND MORE EFFICIENTLY PERFORM
14 GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS WHICH SHALL INDICATE WHICH
15 GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES ACHIEVED PERFORMANCE EFFICIENCY; AND BE
16 IT FURTHER

17 RESOLVED, THAT THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION REPORT
18 THE FINDINGS OF ITS TASK FORCE, TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
19 FOR APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION, TO THE SENATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.