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Joint Commission on Technology and Science

2008 Proposed Work Plan

Methods of Study

- **Executive Committee** – Comprised of JCOTS members appointed by chairman; study and review a variety of discrete policy issues
- **Advisory Committee** – Traditional means of study of JCOTS, comprised of legislative members and citizen appointees appointed by chairman.
- **Subcommittee** – Smaller groups consisting of legislative members and, when applicable, other public officials.

JCOTS Executive Committee

- Texting While Driving (HB 39, HB 609)
- Electronic Notices (HB 636)
- Electronic Medical Records
- Electronic Medical Credentialing
- Cybercrimes/Cell Phone Spam
- Broadband

Executive Committee con't.

- Executive Committee will discuss policy implications of each of these issues, and make recommendations to JCOTS.
- Members will work closely with staff in conducting research and reporting on background of assigned issues.
- If the executive committee feels it is warranted, it may direct the creation of advisory committees to conduct further study of an issue, or direct staff to convene staff workgroups with interested parties.

[Executive Committee con't.]

Proposed Executive Committee Membership:

Delegate May

Delegate Cosgrove

Delegate Nixon

Delegate Plum

Senator Watkins

Senator Howell

Transportation Technologies Advisory Committee

- Directive: Identify and review current and emerging technologies relating to the safety and efficiency of transportation. Report on identified technologies, including any policy considerations concerning each technology; and
- Directive: Review and make recommendations concerning the policies set forth in HB 844 (Idling) and SB 739 (Noise Emissions).

[Transportation con't.]

Proposed JCOTS Membership:

Delegate Cosgrove

Delegate Rust

Delegate Plum

Delegate Alexander

Senator Stolle

Citizen Membership: Applications will be solicited from interested parties; appointments will be made by the chairman in consultation with the JCOTS members serving on the advisory committee

Electronics Recycling Advisory Committee

- Directive: Continue to review the need of electronics recycling programs in Virginia, building on the legislation adopted by the 2008 General Assembly (an amended version of the JCOTS-recommended bill).
- Directive: Review the need to develop a statewide compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) recycling policy focusing on the residential sector.

Electronics Recycling Advisory Committee

Proposed JCOTS Membership:

Delegate Plum
Delegate Purkey
Senator Howell
Senator Newman

Citizen Membership: Applications will be solicited from interested parties; appointments will be made by the chairman in consultation with the JCOTS members serving on the advisory committee

Open Education Resources Subcommittee

- Directive: Continue to review opportunities for improving education through the use of open education resources
 - Discuss the possibility of developing a pilot program concerning open education resources
 - Look at ways that the PPEA could be use to facilitate the use of open education resources

Open Education Resources Subcommittee

Proposed JCOTS Membership

Senator Watkins

Delegate Cosgrove

Delegate Plum

Other Membership

Delegate Peace

Invited members of the administration
interested in development of a pilot program

Joint SSN Subcommittee: JCOTS and FOIAC

- Four bills relating to access to Social Security Numbers on public records jointly referred to JCOTS & FOIAC for study:
 - HB 1087
 - HB 1088
 - HB 1096
 - HB 1102

Joint Subcommittee: JCOTS and FOIAC con't.

- HB 633 Study
 - A recommendation of the 2007 JCOTS/FOIAC subcommittee
 - Requires JCOTS & FOIAC to work with executive branch agencies and local government to assess when social security numbers are collected and whether legal authority exists authorizing the collection

Joint Subcommittee: JCOTS and FOIAC con't.

Proposed JCOTS Membership:

Delegate May

Delegate Nixon

Delegate Alexander

Senator Watkins

Other Topics to Monitor

- HJ 248 – Biosciences
- HJ 90 – STEM Education
- SJ 126 – CIT to establish Commonwealth Innovation Index
- SJ 129 – JLARC to study VITA services
- Virginia Commission on Energy & Environment
- Virginia Aerospace Advisory Council
- Virginia Modeling & Simulation Advisory Council
- Health IT Council