



Joint Commission on
Technology & Science

2010 Proposed Work Plan

[HB 670 (May)/SB 599 (Vogel)]

- Referred to JCOTS by the General Assembly
- Would make it a Class 4 misdemeanor to install an electronic tracking device on a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner
- Prohibition would not apply to law-enforcement officer

[HB 670/SB 599 con't.]

- Issue underlying the bill is privacy
- Proposed method of study:
 - Creation of a Privacy Advisory Committee
 - Committee would be tasked with reviewing this bill, the state of privacy law generally, lingering issues from social security number study, etc.

[HB 716 (Peace)/SB 242 (Watkins)]

- Bill would have required Secretary of Administration to submit guidelines regarding intellectual property created by state employees by December 1, 2010 – a continuation of work begun in 2009
- Bills were instead referred to JCOTS for study by the General Assembly

[HB 716/SB 242 con't.]

- Discussion of intellectual property issues were initiated in response to questions raised during open education study by JCOTS over past few years
- Issues related to intellectual property in this bill are **separate and distinct** from issues related to ownership of intellectual property by state institutions of higher education – that is dealt with in a separate code section

[HB 716/SB 242 con't.]

- Proposed method of study: Creation of an Intellectual Property Advisory Committee
- Committee invitees would include legislators, Secretary of Administration (or her designee), representative from the Office of the Attorney General, representative from the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar, and other interested parties

[HB 920 (Bell, R.)]

- Bill referred to JCOTS by General Assembly
- Bill would amend the definition of “computer” in the Computer Crimes Act to include cellular phones and other wireless telecommunications devices

[HB 920 con't.]

- JCOTS played key role of the definitions in the original CCA
- Definitions in general (and not just the definition of “computer”) are probably ripe for review to ensure that they have kept up with changes in technology
- Proposed method of study: Creation of a Computer Crimes Advisory Committee

[Other Issues]

- Monitor VITA
- Serve as staff for legislative members of Virginia Aerospace Council
- Monitor activities of the Broadband Advisory Council

[Other Issues]

- Other areas of staff review/updates at future meetings:
 - The state of Electronic Medical Records in the Commonwealth
 - The state of Broadband in the Commonwealth
 - Transportation Technologies
 - Update on Cyber Security

[Other Issues]

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Other Suggestions for Study?