

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 Requesting the Department of Education to collaborate with university, industry, and local school board
 2 stakeholders engaged in K-12 education outreach to identify best practices, pursue collaborative
 3 activities, and define a set of actions that will facilitate student participation and workforce
 4 development in math and science fields. Report.

5 WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science identified industry outreach
 6 education programs as essential to generating interest in math and science among elementary, middle,
 7 and high school students; and

8 WHEREAS, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science continues to pursue greater
 9 science and technology education among students of all ages to ensure high-tech corporations located in
 10 Virginia and those considering doing business in Virginia have access to an educated and trained
 11 workforce; and

12 WHEREAS, there are currently no standards or best practices that private industry can use to
 13 develop K-12 education outreach programs; and

14 WHEREAS, by collaborating with interested industry representatives the Virginia Department of
 15 Education can pursue potential partnerships and funding opportunities for local school boards across the
 16 Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of
 18 Education be requested to collaborate with university, industry, and local school board stakeholders
 19 engaged in K-12 education outreach to identify best practices, pursue collaborative activities, and define
 20 a set of actions that will facilitate student participation and workforce development in math and science
 21 fields.

22 The Department of Education shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an
 23 executive summary and report of its progress in meeting the requests of this resolution no later than the
 24 first day of the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary and report shall

25 be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of
26 Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be
27 posted on the General Assembly's website.

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