

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 Continuing the joint subcommittee studying the needs of the manufacturing sector and the
2 future of manufacturing in Virginia. Report.

3 WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 64 (2004) established the joint subcommittee
4 to study manufacturing needs and the future of manufacturing in Virginia; and

5 WHEREAS, the joint subcommittee made progress on many of the issues specified in
6 Senate Joint Resolution No. 64 and made a number of legislative recommendations for the
7 2005 Session; and

8 WHEREAS, although the joint subcommittee assessed the current state of the
9 manufacturing sector of Virginia's economy, the number and complexity of issues facing the
10 manufacturing sector precluded the joint subcommittee from completing its analysis of how the
11 sector's needs may most speedily, efficiently, and cost-effectively be addressed; and

12 WHEREAS, due to the need to complete its analyses of the regulatory burden placed
13 upon the manufacturing sector, the equity of the state and local tax structure with respect to
14 the manufacturing sector, the options to alleviate rising health insurance costs, and other
15 relevant issues, the work of the joint subcommittee should be continued for one additional
16 year; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the joint
18 subcommittee studying the needs of the manufacturing sector and the future of manufacturing
19 in Virginia be continued. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall continue its work
20 from the 2004 interim to (i) determine how the manufacturing sector's needs may be
21 addressed quickly, efficiently, and cost-effectively and (ii) consider what role state and local
22 governments should have in this endeavor.

23 Current members of the joint subcommittee shall continue to serve. Vacancies shall be
24 filled by the original appointing authority, except that vacancies occurring in Senate
25 appointments shall be filled by the Senate Committee on Rules.

26 Administrative staff support shall continue to be provided by the Office of the Clerk of
27 the Senate. Legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested by the joint
28 subcommittee shall continue to be provided by the Division of Legislative Services. All
29 agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee for this
30 study, upon request.

31 The joint subcommittee shall be limited to four meetings for the 2005 interim, and the
32 direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$4,800 without approval as set out in this resolution.
33 Approval for unbudgeted nonmember-related expenses shall require the written authorization
34 of the chairman of the joint subcommittee and the respective Clerk.

35 No recommendation of the joint subcommittee shall be adopted if a majority of the
36 House members or a majority of the Senate members appointed to the joint subcommittee (i)
37 vote against the recommendation and (ii) vote for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding
38 the majority vote of the joint subcommittee.

39 The joint subcommittee shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2005, and the
40 chairman shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary
41 of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the 2006 Regular Session of
42 the General Assembly. The executive summary shall state whether the joint subcommittee
43 intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of its findings and
44 recommendations. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the
45 procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative
46 documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

47 Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by
48 the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may approve or disapprove expenditures for this

49 study, extend or delay the period for the conduct of the study, or authorize additional meetings
50 during the 2005 interim.

51 #