

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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A Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative council to authorize a study committee to recommend objective criteria for use in identifying the need for developing new or expanded county jail facilities.

WHEREAS, development or expansion of a county jail facility is an expensive undertaking involving initial construction costs and significant ongoing costs for financing, maintenance, and staffing; and

WHEREAS, it has been beneficial for the criminal justice system to establish objective criteria that may be used to identify the relative need for a resource, such as that used to determine the number of judgeships for an area; and

WHEREAS, identification of objective criteria for use in determining the relative need for development of new or expanded county jail facilities would be beneficial to state and local officials in all areas of the state; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative council is requested to authorize a study committee to recommend objective criteria that may be used by state and local officials in identifying the need for developing new or expanded county jail facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee should include representatives of county supervisors, county sheriffs, the judicial branch, community-based corrections programs, the department of corrections,

1 the division of criminal and juvenile and justice
2 planning of the department of human rights, and others
3 who are knowledgeable concerning the state criminal
4 justice system in general and local jails in
5 particular; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
7 should be authorized to request assistance from the
8 American correctional association, the American jail
9 association, and other organizations with expertise
10 concerning prison and jail development issues; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee
12 should be directed to issue its recommendations in a
13 report to the governor and the general assembly during
14 the Seventy-ninth General Assembly, 2002 regular
15 session.

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