

**REPORT OF THE  
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND  
REVIEW COMMISSION**

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AND  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**



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I. INTRODUCTION

TO The General Assembly of Virginia

The 1974 General Assembly, in House Joint Resolution No. 231, requested that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission evaluate the associations of which State agencies are members.

*House Joint Resolution No. 231*

*Directing the Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study and evaluate the associations of which the Commonwealth and her agencies are members.*

Whereas, it was revealed in the course of the study conducted by the Commission on the Legislative Process that Virginia and her agencies hold membership in numerous governmental organizations; and

Whereas, it was determined that membership dues alone during the fiscal year nineteen hundred seventy-two were in excess of seven hundred thousand dollars for one hundred fifty-six State agencies; and

Whereas, the cost of such membership is extremely high with the benefits resulting therefrom being uncertain; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission is hereby directed to make a comprehensive study and evaluation of the numerous associations of which the Commonwealth and her agencies are members and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly not later than November one, nineteen hundred seventy-four.

Concurrent with this action of the General Assembly, the Executive branch and the Virginia Commission on Interstate Cooperation initiated an extensive study of agency participation in associations, organizations and interstate compacts and agreements. The Division of State Planning and Community Affairs was directed, at that time, to survey State agencies and report its findings. A questionnaire was distributed to all agencies in Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments and its report is to be submitted to the Secretary of Administration and the Commission on Interstate Cooperation on December 15.

The questionnaire administered by the Division requested State agencies to list all organizational or interstate memberships held during 1973-74 and proposed for 1974-75. Responding agencies were to indicate the primary purpose of each membership such as accreditation, professional registration, promotion, or subject information. In addition, the type of membership (agency, group, individual) was requested by number and cost.

The report will contain overall findings as to total memberships, Secretarial area comparisons, frequency of duplications, and average costs. In addition, there will be conclusions and recommendations for both organizational memberships and interstate agreements. An appendix will list memberships by Agency and by Secretarial Area.

Because the study was in progress by the time the Legislative Audit and Review Commission was organized, the Commission felt it was not in the best interests of economy and efficiency to duplicate the efforts of the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs. After release of the Division's report, however, the Commission proposes to carefully review the information to determine if additional study is appropriate for legislative purposes. Therefore, the following resolution is respectfully submitted.

*"House Joint Resolution No...."*

Whereas, an assessment of the extent, costs and benefits of organizational memberships and interstate compacts held by the Commonwealth and her agencies is of mutual concern to the Legislative and Executive branches of State government; and

Whereas, the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs has completed a review of such memberships and compacts which provides information usable for both branches; and

Whereas, additional study by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission would unnecessarily duplicate ongoing data gathering efforts regarding State participation in associations, organizations and interstate compacts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, that the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs shall submit a copy of its report on State agency participation in associations, organizations and interstate compacts and agreements to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and shall retain all materials, including questionnaires, received during the course of its study. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission is hereby directed to review the completed report and determine whether additional study is appropriate for legislative oversight. If such additional study is required, the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs is directed to cooperate with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in its efforts and report to the General Assembly not later than November one, nineteen hundred seventy-five.

Respectfully submitted,

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