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RESOLUTION 2011-44

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TASK FORCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE REVIEW

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WHEREAS, GOVERNOR McDONNELL HAS ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE REVIEW, APPOINTED TO REVIEW STATE MANDATES IMPOSED ON LOCALITIES AND TO RECOMMEND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OR PERMANENT REPEAL OF SUCH MANDATES, AND

WHEREAS, GOVERNOR McDONNELL HAS URGED LOCAL OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE THE TASK FORCE WITH A LIST OF STATE MANDATES THAT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD BE MODIFIED OR ELIMINATED, AND

WHEREAS, THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACO) HAS ALSO PROVIDED THE TASK FORCE WITH A LIST OF BURDENSOME MANDATES, ESPECIALLY UNFUNDED ONES, WHICH THE STATE DICTATES TO COUNTIES AS IDENTIFIED BY VACO'S LEADERSHIP, AND

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA (BOARD) CONCURS WITH THE LIST AS PROVIDED BY VACO AND DESIRES TO INFORM THE TASK FORCE OF THE BOARD'S POSITION ON BOTH THE VACO-IDENTIFIED MANDATES AS WELL AS OTHER SPECIFIC MANDATES THE BOARD FINDS PARTICULARLY ONEROUS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA THAT THE BOARD HEREIN IDENTIFIES THOSE STATE-IMPOSED MANDATES WHICH IT STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE TASK FORCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE REVIEW TO CONSIDER FOR MODIFICATION OR ELIMINATION:

AID TO LOCALITIES: REVERSE THE \$120 MILLION BIENNIAL REDUCTION IN AID TO LOCALITIES.

LINE OF DUTY ACT: DELETE LOCAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT FOR LINE OF DUTY BENEFIT.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: REVIEW THE STANDARDS OF LEARNING, THE STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS TO BRING THEM INTO SYNC WITH THE CURRENT STANDARD SOF QUALITY, AND TO DELETE STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES THAT EXCEED FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT (CSA): MAKE THE CSA PROGRAM SUBJECT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS ACT, RETURN LOCAL CSA SERVICE RATES TO THE FY 2006 LEVEL, INCREASE THE STATE MATCH FOR CERTAIN YOUTH PROGRAMS, PERMIT LONGER-TERM CONTRACTS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD DIRECTORS AND ESTABLISH FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT FOSTER REGIONAL CONTRACTING FOR PROVIDER SERVICES.

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CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS: FULLY FUND THE STATE'S OBLIGATIONS FOR MANDATED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.

EQUAL TAX AUTHORITY: EQUALIZE COUNTY TAXING AUTHORITY TO ENACT LOCAL EXCISE TAXES INCLUDING THE CIGARETTE TAX, ADMISSIONS TAX, TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX AND MEALS TAX WITH THAT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

PUBLIC SAFETY: INCREASE STATE FUNDING FOR STATE PRISONERS HOUSED IN LOCAL JAILS..

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION: INCREASE STATE FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION: REMOVE THE MANDATE FOR LOCALITIES TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN COURT FACILITIES IF, IN THE SOLE OPINION OF THE LOCAL CIRCUIT COURT, LOCALITIES DO NOT MEET CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: INCREASE FUNDING FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEAN-UP AND DELETE LOCAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ACT, AND PROVIDE STATE FUNDING FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PROGRAMS.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF: PHASE THE COMPLETE RETURN OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX TO COUNTIES AND CITIES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IS DIRECTED TO DISTRIBUTE THIS RESOLUTION TO THE TASK FORCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE REVIEW, THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, AND SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA'S DELEGATION TO THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

DONE THIS THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER 25, 2011.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MR. MCCALL: AYE
MRS. MUMPOWER: AYE
MR. OWENS: AYE
MRS. PRICE: ABSENT
MR. REYNOLDS: AYE
MR. TAYLOR: AYE
MR. STRATEN: AYE



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