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1 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37**

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4 *Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study and review Virginia's entitlement*  
5 *programs to identify deficiencies and vulnerabilities that may allow for waste, fraud, and abuse. Report.*

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7 Committee Referral Pending

8 WHEREAS, public officials have an obligation to the citizens of the Commonwealth to use the  
9 Commonwealth's resources wisely and appropriately; and10 WHEREAS, good government should seek to increase efficiency and accuracy in the administration of its  
11 state programs; and12 WHEREAS, deficiencies and vulnerabilities in program design, operational procedures and internal  
13 controls, and evaluation and accountability measures of state entitlement programs can allow for waste, fraud,  
14 and abuse, resulting in increased expenditures and waste of state resources; and15 WHEREAS, identifying and correcting such deficiencies and vulnerabilities can result in there being more  
16 resources available to those in need, in addition to savings to the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it17 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and  
18 Review Commission be directed to study and review Virginia's entitlement programs to identify deficiencies  
19 and vulnerabilities that may allow for waste, fraud, and abuse. The entitlement programs subject to this  
20 review shall include, at a minimum, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, and  
21 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.22 In conducting its study, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) shall (i) study past and  
23 current evidence of waste and inefficiency in the various state entitlement programs, (ii) review and evaluate  
24 the processes used in the various state entitlement programs for eligibility verification and certification of  
25 payment accuracy, (iii) examine the training and guidance provided to the personnel administering the  
26 various state entitlement programs and the mechanisms for evaluating performance and ensuring  
27 accountability, and (iv) provide actionable recommendations for improving and correcting vulnerabilities and  
28 deficiencies identified.29 Technical assistance shall be provided to JLARC by the Department of Medical Assistance Services and  
30 the Department of Social Services. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to JLARC for  
31 this study, upon request.32 JLARC shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2027, and the chairman shall submit to the Division  
33 of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than  
34 the first day of the 2028 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall state  
35 whether JLARC intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of its findings and  
36 recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be  
37 submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing  
38 of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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