

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

CHAPTER 281

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-563.27:2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Public Broadcasting Board; definitions.

[S 454]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-563.27:2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-563.27:2. Definitions.

As used in this article, except in those instances where the context requires otherwise:

"Board" means the Virginia Public Broadcasting Board.

"Public broadcasting services" means the acquisition, production, and distribution by public broadcasting stations of noncommercial educational, instructional, informational, or cultural television and radio programs and information which may be transmitted by means of electronic communications, and any related materials and services provided by such stations.

"Public broadcasting station" means any noncommercial, educational television or radio station which (i) is licensed and regulated by the Federal Communications Commission as a noncommercial, educational broadcasting station; (ii) is operated by a public agency or a nonprofit private foundation, corporation, or association; (iii) has offices, ~~and studios, and transmitters~~ located in Virginia; and (iv) on or before January 1, 1997, was qualified to receive or was the recipient of a Virginia community service grant or other instructional television service funds, or, after January 1, 1997, was qualified by the Board to receive state funds under standards and criteria established by the Board pursuant to § 2.1-563.27:4, but shall not include any institution of higher education which produces or transmits distance education and other credit and noncredit television programs, unless such institution requests qualification as a public broadcasting station and the Board approves its request.