

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

## CHAPTER 900

*An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-746 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; membership.*

[S 611]

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 2.1-746 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-746. State Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families; members; duties.

The members of the state executive council shall be the Commissioners of Health, of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and of Social Services; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court; the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice; ~~an~~ *two* elected or appointed local ~~official~~ *officials of which one shall be a member of a local governing body and one shall be a chief administrative officer of a local governing body*, to be appointed by the Governor; a private provider representative as a nonvoting, ex officio member, to be appointed by the Governor, who may appoint from nominees recommended by the Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Associations; and a parent representative. The parent representative shall be appointed by the Governor for a term not to exceed three years and shall not be an employee of any public or private program which serves children and families. The council shall annually elect a chairman who shall be responsible for convening the council. The council shall meet, at a minimum, semiannually, to oversee the administration of this chapter and make such decisions as may be necessary to carry out its purposes.

The state executive council shall:

1. Appoint the members of the state management team in accordance with the requirements of § 2.1-747;

2. Provide for the establishment of interagency programmatic and fiscal policies developed by the state management team, which support the purposes of this chapter, through the promulgation of regulations by the participating state boards or by administrative action, as appropriate;

3. Provide for a public participation process for programmatic and fiscal guidelines developed for administrative actions which support the purposes of this chapter. Such public participation process shall include, at a minimum, sixty days of public comment, and the distribution of these guidelines;

4. Oversee the administration of state interagency policies governing the use, distribution and monitoring of moneys in the state pool of funds and the state trust fund;

5. Provide for the administration of necessary interagency functions which support the work of the state management team;

6. Review and take appropriate action on issues brought before it by the state management team;

7. Advise the Governor and appropriate Cabinet Secretaries on proposed policy and operational changes which facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication and cooperation;

8. Provide administrative support and fiscal incentives for the establishment and operation of local comprehensive service systems;

9. Oversee coordination of early intervention programs to promote comprehensive, coordinated service delivery, local interagency program management, and colocation of programs and services in communities. Early intervention programs include state programs under the administrative control of the state executive council member agencies;

10. Oversee the development and implementation of a mandatory uniform assessment instrument and process to be used by all localities to identify levels of risk of Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) youth;

11. Oversee the development and implementation of uniform guidelines to include initial intake and screening assessment, development and implementation of a plan of care, service monitoring and periodic follow-up, and the formal review of the status of the youth and the family;

12. Oversee the development and implementation of uniform guidelines for documentation for CSA-funded services;

13. Oversee the development and implementation of mandatory uniform guidelines for utilization management; each locality receiving funds for activities under the Comprehensive Services Act shall have a locally determined utilization management plan following the guidelines or use of a process approved by the State Executive Council for utilization management, covering all CSA-funded services;

14. Oversee the development, implementation, and collection of uniform data collection standards,

and the development of outcome measures; including, but not limited to, expenditures, number of youth served in specific CSA activities, length of stay for residents in core licensed residential facilities, and proportion of youth placed in treatment settings suggested by a uniform assessment instrument for CSA-funded services;

15. Oversee the establishment of a dispute resolution procedure, which includes a notice and an appeals process, should the State Executive Council find, upon a formal finding, that a Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) failed to comply with any provision of this Act, and the procedure shall also include provisions for remediation by the CPMT;

16. Have the authority to deny state funding to a CPMT that fails to comply with the provisions of this Act, in accordance with subdivision 15; and

17. Biennially publish and disseminate to members of the General Assembly and community policy and management teams a state progress report on comprehensive services to children, youth and families and a plan for such services for the next succeeding biennium. The state plan shall:

a. Provide a fiscal profile of current and previous years' federal and state expenditures for a comprehensive service system for children, youth and families;

b. Incorporate information and recommendations from local comprehensive service systems with responsibility for planning and delivering services to children, youth and families;

c. Identify and establish goals for comprehensive services and the estimated costs of implementing these goals, report progress toward previously identified goals and establish priorities for the coming biennium; and

d. Include such other information or recommendations as may be necessary and appropriate for the improvement and coordinated development of the state's comprehensive services system.

**2. That the provisions of this act shall not affect existing appointments for which the terms have not expired as of July 1, 2000.**