

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2001 SESSION

CHAPTER 788

An Act to amend and reenact § 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 52, consisting of sections numbered 9-396 through 9-400, relating to the creation of Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission.

[H 2743]

Approved April 4, 2001

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9-6.25:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 52, consisting of sections numbered 9-396 through 9-400, as follows:

§ 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils.

There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch:

- Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
- Advisory Board on Athletic Training
- Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect
- Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid
- Advisory Board of Occupational Therapy
- Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers
- Advisory Board on Respiratory Care to the Board of Medicine
- Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure
- Advisory Commission on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates
- Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program
- Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board
- Aquaculture Advisory Board
- Art and Architectural Review Board
- Board for the Visually Handicapped, Virginia
- Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station
- Board of Forestry
- Board of Military Affairs
- Board of Rehabilitative Services
- Board of Transportation Safety
- Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund
- Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation
- Board on Veterans' Affairs
- Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board
- Cave Board
- Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board
- Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board
- Chief Information Officer Advisory Board
- Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board
- Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board
- Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia
- Commonwealth Competition Council
- Commonwealth Council on Aging
- Council on Indians
- Council on the Status of Women
- Debt Capacity Advisory Committee
- Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
- Falls of the James Committee
- Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
- Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee
- Hemophilia Advisory Board
- Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council
- Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled
- Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise
- Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board

Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College
Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College
Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College
Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College
Maritime Incident Response Advisory Board
Maternal and Child Health Council
Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
Personnel Advisory Board
Plant Pollination Advisory Board
Private College Advisory Board
Private Security Services Advisory Board
Psychiatric Advisory Board
Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
Radiation Advisory Board
Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board
Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
Reforestation Board
Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
Small Business Advisory Board
Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee
State Advisory Board on Air Pollution
State Building Code Technical Review Board
State Health Benefits Advisory Council
State Land Evaluation Advisory Council
State Networking Users Advisory Board
State Public Records Advisory Council
Statewide Independent Living Council
Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council
Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind
Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee
Substance Abuse Services Council
Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board
Virginia-Israel Advisory Board
Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy
Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board
Virginia Commission for the Arts
Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention

Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council
Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council
Virginia Military Advisory Council
Virginia Public Buildings Board
Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council
Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission
Virginia Transplant Council
Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board
Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board.

CHAPTER 52.

VIRGINIA RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION.

§ 9-396. *Commission established; purpose.*

The Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Commission (Commission) is established as an advisory commission within the meaning of § 9-6.25, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to advise the Governor on appropriate research and technology strategies for the Commonwealth with emphasis on policy recommendations that will enhance the global competitive advantage of both research institutions and technology-based commercial endeavors within the Commonwealth.

§ 9-397. *Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman.*

A. Persons appointed to the Board shall be selected for their knowledge of, background in, or experience with basic and applied research, emerging technologies, commercialization of the results and outputs of research activities, and the development and financing of technology intensive enterprises.

B. The Commission shall consist of twenty-seven members to be appointed as follows: two members of the House Committee on Science and Technology appointed by the Speaker of the House; the chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws or his designee; and twenty citizen members representing institutions of higher education, federal laboratories, and research- and technology-intensive industries, six of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, four of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, and ten of whom shall be appointed by the Governor; the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Education, and Technology, or their designees; and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia or her designee. Legislative members shall be appointed to serve terms coincident with their terms of office. The citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointments.

C. The Governor shall designate one member representing Virginia's research universities and one member representing the private sector as cochairs.

D. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Commission meetings shall be upon the call of the cochairs.

E. Members of the Commission shall receive compensation and be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties as provided in §§ 2.1-20.3, 2.1-20.8, 2.1-20.10, and 30-19.12.

§ 9-398. *Powers and duties of the Commission.*

The Commission shall:

1. Undertake studies and gather information and data in order to accomplish its purposes as set forth in § 9-396, and to formulate and present its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly;

2. Make recommendations upon all proposals submitted to the Grant Allocation Committee, as described in subdivision J 5 b of Item 548 of the 2000 Appropriation Act, Chapter 1073 of the 2000 Acts of Assembly, for grant allocations to be disbursed from the Commonwealth Technology Research Fund created by subdivision J 1 of Item 548 of the 2000 Appropriation Act;

3. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public or private sources and state funds that may be appropriated by the General Assembly to carry out its purpose; and

4. Report annually its findings and recommendations to the Governor. The Commission may make interim reports to the Governor as it deems advisable.

§ 9-399. *Funding for Commission's activities.*

Funding necessary to support the Commission's work, including but not limited to the compensation and reimbursement pursuant to subsection E of § 9-397, shall be provided by the Innovative Technology Authority and other sources pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 9-398.

§ 9-400. *Staff; cooperation from other state agencies.*

The Innovative Technology Authority shall provide staff support to the Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall assist the Commission upon request.