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HOUSE BILL NO. 2743**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules

on February 4, 2001)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate May)

A BILL 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.

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 Ornaments 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

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- 60 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
- 61 Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College
- 62 Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College
- 63 Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- 64 Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College
- 65 Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College
- 66 Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College
- 67 Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- 68 Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College
- 69 Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College
- 70 Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College
- 71 Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College
- 72 Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College
- 73 Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College
- 74 Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College
- 75 Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College
- 76 Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College
- 77 Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College
- 78 Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College
- 79 Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College
- 80 Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College
- 81 Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College
- 82 Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College
- 83 Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College
- 84 Maritime Incident Response Advisory Board
- 85 Maternal and Child Health Council
- 86 Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
- 87 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
- 88 North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 89 Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 90 Personnel Advisory Board
- 91 Plant Pollination Advisory Board
- 92 Private College Advisory Board
- 93 Private Security Services Advisory Board
- 94 Psychiatric Advisory Board
- 95 Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
- 96 Radiation Advisory Board
- 97 Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board
- 98 Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
- 99 Reforestation Board
- 100 Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 101 Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 102 Small Business Advisory Board
- 103 Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
- 104 St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee
- 105 State Advisory Board on Air Pollution
- 106 State Building Code Technical Review Board
- 107 State Health Benefits Advisory Council
- 108 State Land Evaluation Advisory Council
- 109 State Networking Users Advisory Board
- 110 State Public Records Advisory Council
- 111 Statewide Independent Living Council
- 112 Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council
- 113 Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind
- 114 Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee
- 115 Substance Abuse Services Council
- 116 Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board
- 117 Virginia-Israel Advisory Board
- 118 Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
- 119 Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy
- 120 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
- 121 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; and twenty citizen members representing institutions of higher education, federal laboratories, and research- and technology-intensive industries, ten of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, six of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, and four 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 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 co-chairs.

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

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. Coordinate the evaluation of and make recommendations upon all proposals submitted to the Grant Allocation Committee, as described in subdivision J. 5. b. of Item 548 of the 2000 Appropriations 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 Appropriations 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

183 *and reimbursement pursuant to subsection E of § 9-397, shall be provided by the Innovative Technology*
184 *Authority and other sources pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 9-398.*
185 *§ 9-400. Staff; cooperation from other state agencies.*
186 *The Innovative Technology Authority shall provide staff support to the Commission. All agencies of*
187 *the Commonwealth shall assist the Commission upon request.*