

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 52, consisting of*  
3 *sections numbered 9-396 through 9-399, relating to the creation of the Virginia-Asian Advisory*  
4 *Board.*

5 [H 2859]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**  
8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 52, consisting of**  
9 **sections numbered 9-396 through 9-399, as follows:**

## 10 CHAPTER 52.

## 11 VIRGINIA-ASIAN ADVISORY BOARD.

12 § 9-396. *Virginia-Asian Advisory Board established; purpose.*

13 *The Virginia-Asian Advisory Board (the Board) is hereby established as an advisory board within the*  
14 *meaning of § 9-6.25 in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board shall be to*  
15 *advise the Governor on ways to improve economic and cultural links between the Commonwealth and*  
16 *Pacific Rim nations, with a focus on the areas of commerce and trade, art and education, and general*  
17 *government.*

18 § 9-397. *Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman.*

19 *The Board shall consist of twenty-one members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: eighteen*  
20 *citizen members who shall represent business, education, the arts, and government, at least eleven of*  
21 *whom shall be of Asian descent; and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Health and Human*  
22 *Resources, and Education, or their designees to serve as ex officio members of the Board.*

23 *Citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Health*  
24 *and Human Resources, and Education, or their designees, shall serve terms coincident with their terms*  
25 *of office. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term.*  
26 *Any member may be reappointed for successive terms.*

27 *The members of the Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually.*

28 *Members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual*  
29 *and necessary expenses in accordance with § 2.1-20.8.*

30 § 9-398. *Powers and duties of the Board.*

31 *The Board shall:*

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

34 *2. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public or private*  
35 *sources, including any matching funds as may be designated in the Appropriation Act, to enable it to*  
36 *better carry out its purposes.*

37 *3. Report annually its findings and recommendations to the Governor. The Board may make interim*  
38 *reports to the Governor as it deems advisable.*

39 *4. Account annually on its fiscal activities, including any matching funds received or expended by the*  
40 *Board.*

41 § 9-399. *Staff; cooperation from other state agencies.*

42 *The Office of the Governor shall serve as staff to the Board. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall*  
43 *assist the Board upon request.*