VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 452

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-208 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal Article 19 (§§ 2.2-2652, 2.2-2653, and 2.2-2654) of Chapter 26 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the abolishment of the Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy.

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Approved March 16, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-208 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-208. Position established; agencies for which responsible; powers and duties.

The position of Secretary of Education (the "Secretary") is created. The Secretary shall be responsible to the Governor for the following agencies: Department of Education, State Council of Higher Education, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, The Science Museum of Virginia, Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia, The Library of Virginia, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Board of Regents of Gunston Hall, and the Commission for the Arts, and the Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy. The Governor may, by executive order, assign any other state executive agency to the Secretary, or reassign any agency listed above to another Secretary.

Unless the Governor expressly reserves such a power to himself, the Secretary is empowered to resolve administrative, jurisdictional or policy conflicts between any agencies or officers for which he is responsible and to provide policy direction for programs involving more than a single agency. He is authorized to direct the preparation of alternative policies, plans and budgets for education for the Governor and, to that end, may require the assistance of the agencies for which he is responsible. He shall direct the formulation of a comprehensive program budget for cultural affairs encompassing the programs and activities of the agencies involved in cultural affairs.

2. That Article 19 (§§ 2.2-2652, 2.2-2653, and 2.2-2654) of Chapter 26 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.