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HOUSE BILL NO. 15

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2664 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 2.2-5302 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the abolishment of the Early Intervention Agencies Committee.

Patrons—Amundson, Athey, Cox, Miles and Wardrup; Senators: Martin, Ruff and Whipple

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2664 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2664. Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council; purpose; membership; duties.

A. The Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (the "Council") is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council shall be to promote and coordinate early intervention services in the Commonwealth.

B. The membership and operation of the Council shall be as required by Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1471 et seq.). ~~The agency representatives shall be appointed by the member of their agency who serves on the early intervention agencies committee. The Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Director of the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the Commissioner of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, the Director of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy, and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Insurance within the State Corporation Commission shall each appoint one person from his agency to serve as the agency's representative on the Council.~~

Agency representatives shall regularly inform their agency head of the Council's activities and the status of the implementation of an early intervention services system in the Commonwealth.

C. The Council's duties shall include advising and assisting the lead agency in the following:

1. Performing its responsibilities for the early intervention services system;
2. Identifying sources of fiscal and other support for early intervention services, recommending financial responsibility arrangements among agencies, and promoting interagency agreements;
3. Developing strategies to encourage full participation, coordination, and cooperation of all appropriate agencies;
4. Resolving interagency disputes;
5. Gathering information about problems that impede timely and effective service delivery and taking steps to ensure that any identified policy problems are resolved;
6. Preparing federal grant applications; and
7. Preparing and submitting an annual report to the Governor and the U.S. Secretary of Education on the status of early intervention services within the Commonwealth.

2. That § 2.2-5302 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

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