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SENATE BILL NO. 244

Offered January 14, 2004 Prefiled January 12, 2004

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-9.2:4.1, relating to faculty representatives to the State Board for Community Colleges, local community college boards, and boards of visitors.

Patrons-Edwards, Bell and Whipple; Delegates: Baskerville, Griffith, Keister, Landes, Nutter, Reid, Shuler, Van Yahres and Ware, O.

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-9.2:4.1 as follows:

§ 23-9.2:4.1. Faculty representatives to the State Board of Community Colleges, local community college boards, and boards of visitors.

A. The State Board for Community Colleges, local community college boards, and the boards of visitors of any four-year state institution of higher education shall appoint one or more nonvoting, advisory faculty representatives to their respective boards. In the case of local community college boards and boards of visitors, the boards shall appoint representatives from among those individuals elected by the faculty or the institution's faculty senate or other equivalent group of the relevant institution. In the case of the State Board for Community Colleges, the Board shall appoint representatives from among those individuals elected by the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee. Such representatives shall be appointed to serve terms of not less than one 12-month period, which shall be coterminous with the institution's fiscal year, or for such terms as may be mutually agreed to by the State Board for Community Colleges and the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee, or by the local community college board or the board of visitors, as the case may be, and the institution's faculty senate or other equivalent group.

B. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the State Board for Community Colleges, local community college boards, or any board of visitors from excluding such representatives from discussions of faculty grievances, faculty or staff disciplinary matters, or salaries.