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SENATE BILL NO. 182

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules
on March 1, 2006)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Puller)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 25 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 7.1, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-2524 through 2.2-2529, relating to the Community Integration Advisory Commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 25 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 7.1, consisting of sections numbered 2.2-2524 through 2.2-2529 as follows:

Article 7.1.

Community Integration Advisory Commission.

§ 2.2-2524. The Community Integration Advisory Commission; purpose.

The Community Integration Advisory Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory commission in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission shall be to monitor the progress of all executive branch state agencies toward community integration of Virginians with disabilities in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws in order that persons with disabilities may enjoy the benefits of society and the freedoms of daily living.

§ 2.2-2525. Membership; terms; quorum; meetings.

The Commission shall have a total membership of 21 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed as follows: four nonlegislative citizen members, of whom two shall be persons with disabilities, one shall be the relative of a citizen of the Commonwealth with a disability, and one shall be a provider of services to citizens of the Commonwealth with disabilities or an advocate for persons with disabilities or for services to such persons to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; six nonlegislative citizen members, of whom three shall be persons with disabilities, one shall be the relative of a citizen of the Commonwealth with a disability, and two shall be providers of services to citizens of the Commonwealth with disabilities or an advocate for persons with disabilities or for services to such persons to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and 11 nonlegislative citizen members, of whom three shall be persons with disabilities, one shall be a resident of a state mental health facility, one shall be a resident of a state mental retardation training facility, one shall be a resident of a nursing facility, two shall be the relatives of citizens of the Commonwealth with disabilities, and three shall be providers of services to citizens of the Commonwealth with disabilities or an advocate for persons with disabilities or for services to such persons to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet not less than four times each year. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

§ 2.2-2526. Compensation; expenses.

Members shall serve without compensation. However, all members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Board for Persons with Disabilities.

§ 2.2-2527. Powers and duties of the Commission.

The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To monitor the implementation of state and federal laws pertaining to community integration of Virginians with disabilities; and

2. To make appropriate recommendations to the Governor concerning community integration of Virginians with disabilities.

§ 2.2-2528. Staffing.

The Board for Persons with Disabilities, and such executive branch agencies as the Governor may designate, shall provide staff support to the Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

60 § 2.2-2529. *Sunset.*

61 *This article shall expire on July 1, 2009.*