VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2008 SESSION

CHAPTER 123

An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-1735 of the Code of Virginia, relating to appointments to the Child Day-Care Council.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That § 63.2-1735 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:
 - § 63.2-1735. Child Day-Care Council created; members; terms; duties.

The Child Day-Care Council is hereby continued. Its members shall be appointed by the Governor and serve without compensation. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-2813, reimbursement for travel expenses of members shall be limited to in-state travel. The members of the Council shall consist of two one nonprofit child day center operators operator; three private for-profit child day center operators; one representative from each of the Departments of Social Services, Health, Education, Fire Programs, and Housing and Community Development; one pediatric health professional; one child development specialist; one parent consumer; one legal professional; one representative of the National Association for the Education of Young Children; one representative of the YMCA; one representative of the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs; one representative of the Association of Christian Schools International; one representative of the American Association of Christian Schools; one representative of the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation; one representative of the National Accreditation Council for Early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs; one representative of the International Academy for Private Education; one representative of the American Montessori Society; one representative of the International Accreditation and Certification of Childhood Educators, Programs, and Trainers; one representative of the National Accreditation Commission; one representative of the Virginia Council for Private Education; and one representative each of a child day center offering a seasonal program emphasizing outdoor activities, a private child day center offering a half-day nursery school program, and a local governing body all of which operate programs required to be licensed under this chapter. The membership of the Council shall also include such representatives of state agencies as advisory members as the Governor deems necessary. The Governor shall designate a member of the Council to serve as chairman.

The members of the Council shall be appointed for four-year terms, except appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.

The Council shall adopt regulations for licensure and operation of child day centers in the Commonwealth in accordance with the regulations referred to in § 63.2-1734.

The Council shall adopt regulations in collaboration with the Virginia Recreation and Park Society and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for therapeutic recreation programs.

All staff and other support services required by the Council shall be provided by the Department.

2. That this act shall not be construed to affect existing appointments for which the terms have not expired or for which there is no vacancy. However, any new appointments made after the effective date of this act shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this act.