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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1990**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 23-91.29 of the Code of Virginia, relating to community representatives to the George Mason University board of visitors.*

Patrons—Bulova, Englin, Hugo, Marsden, Shannon and Watts; Senator: Petersen

Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 23-91.29 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 23-91.29. Powers and duties of board generally; meetings; officers; executive committee.

(a) The board of visitors shall be vested with all the rights and powers conferred by the provisions of this title insofar as the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter and the general laws of the Commonwealth.

The board shall control and expend the funds of the University and any appropriation hereafter provided, and shall make all needful rules and regulations concerning the University, appoint the president, who shall be its chief executive officer, and all professors, teachers, staff members and agents, and fix their salaries, and generally direct the affairs of the University.

(b) The board of visitors shall meet at the University once a year, and at such other times as they shall determine, the days of meetings to be fixed by them. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. At the first meeting after July 1, 1972, and every second year thereafter, they shall appoint from their own body a rector, who shall preside at their meetings, a secretary and a vice-rector. In the absence of the rector or vice-rector at any meeting, the secretary shall preside, and on the absence of all three, the board may appoint a pro tempore officer to preside. Any vacancies in the offices of rector, vice-rector or secretary may be filled by the board for the unexpired term. Special meetings of the board may be called by the rector or any three members. In either of such cases, notice of the time of meetings shall be given by the secretary to every member.

(c) At every regular annual meeting of the board they may appoint an executive committee for the transaction of business in the recess of the board, not less than three nor more than five members, to serve for a period of one year or until the next regular annual meeting.

(d) *The board of visitors may enter into a memorandum of agreement with Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax to appoint nonvoting, advisory community representatives to the board and to establish procedures for such appointment.*

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