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HOUSE BILL NO. 2539

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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-2005, 2.2-2457, and 2.2-2458 of the Code of Virginia, relating to oversight of information technology and applications in the Commonwealth; Information Technology Investment Board; Chief Information Officer.*

Patrons—Nixon, May and Plum

Referred to Committee on Science and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.2-2005, 2.2-2457, and 2.2-2458 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2005. Creation of Agency; appointment of Chief Information Officer.

A. There is hereby created the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), which shall serve as the agency responsible for administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter and the rules and policies of the Board.

B. The Board shall appoint a Chief Information Officer (the CIO) as the chief administrative officer of the Board to oversee the operation of VITA. The CIO shall be employed under special contract for a term of *not to exceed* five years and shall, under the direction and control of the Board, exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred or imposed upon him by law and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

§ 2.2-2457. Information Technology Investment Board; membership; terms; quorum; compensation; staff.

A. The Information Technology Investment Board (the Board) is established as a supervisory board, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The Board shall be responsible for the planning, budgeting, acquiring, using, disposing, managing, and administering of information technology in the Commonwealth.

B. The Board shall consist of 10 members that include ~~eight~~ *seven* nonlegislative citizen members and ~~two~~ *three* ex officio members as follows: (i) ~~four~~ *three* nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, of whom ~~one~~ shall be appointed from a list of not less than seven individuals nominated jointly by the Chairs of the Senate Committee on General Laws and the House Committee on Science and Technology in consultation with their respective committee memberships; (ii) four nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Joint Rules Committee from a list recommended by the Joint Commission on Technology and Science; (iii) the Secretary of Technology, who shall serve ex officio with full voting privileges; (iv) ~~the~~ *the* Secretary of Finance, who shall serve ex officio with full voting privileges; and (v) the Auditor of Public Accounts, who shall serve ex officio without voting privileges. ~~The individuals jointly nominated by the Chairs of the Senate Committee on General Laws and the House Committee on Science and Technology~~ *One nonlegislative citizen member appointed by the Governor* shall, at a minimum, have experience as senior information technology management personnel for a company with annual gross revenues in excess of \$50 million. The other nonlegislative citizen members shall have experience in information technology systems or other technology systems including but not limited to human resources, environment, transportation, or finance.

The ex officio members of the Board shall serve terms coincident with their respective terms of office. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. 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. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

C. The Board shall elect its chairman and ~~vice-chairman~~ from among its members for two-year terms. *The Secretary of Technology shall serve as vice-chairman.* A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet at least quarterly each year. The meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

D. Nonlegislative citizen members shall receive compensation and 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 Virginia Information Technologies Agency.

E. The disclosure requirements of subsection B of § 2.2-3114 of the State and Local Government

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59 Conflict of Interest Act shall apply to citizen members of the Board.
60 F. The Virginia Information Technologies Agency shall serve as staff to the Board.
61 § 2.2-2458. Powers and duties of the Board.
62 The Board shall have the power and duty to:
63 1. Appoint the Chief Information Officer as the chief administrative officer of the Board to oversee
64 the operation of VITA pursuant to § 2.2-2005;
65 2. Adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its business;
66 3. Approve or disapprove the development of all major information technology projects as defined in
67 § 2.2-2006. The Board may terminate any major information technology project recommended for
68 termination by the Chief Information Officer pursuant to § 2.2-2015;
69 4. Approve strategies, standards, and priorities recommended by the Chief Information Officer for the
70 use of information technology for state agencies in the executive branch of state government;
71 5. Approve the four-year plan for information technology projects;
72 6. Approve statewide technical and data standards for information technology and related systems;
73 7. Approve statewide information technology architecture and related set of system standards;
74 8. Approve criteria for the review and approval of the planning, scheduling and tracking of major
75 information technology projects as defined in § 2.2-2006;
76 9. Adopt resolutions or regulations conferring upon the Chief Information Officer all such powers,
77 authorities and duties as the Board deems necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of Chapter 20.1
78 of Title 2.2; ~~and~~
79 10. *Approve and oversee the prioritization, development, and implementation of agency and*
80 *enterprise-wide technology applications. For purposes of this section, technology applications include,*
81 *but are not limited to, hardware, software, maintenance, goods, and services that promote business*
82 *functionality and facilitate the storage, flow, use, or processing of information by agencies of the*
83 *Commonwealth in the execution of their business activities; and*
84 11. Submit by September 1 of each year a list of recommended technology investment projects and
85 priorities for funding such projects to the Governor and the General Assembly.