

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2011 SESSION

CHAPTER 686

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 30-232 and 30-236 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Disability Commission.

[H 1514]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 30-232 and 30-236 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 30-232. (Expires July 1, 2012; For contingent expiration - See notes) Virginia Disability Commission; purpose.

The Virginia Disability Commission (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to identify and recommend legislative priorities and policies for adoption or examination by the General Assembly in order to provide ongoing support in developing and reviewing services and funding related to Virginians with physical and sensory disabilities. *The Commission shall submit its recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor by October 1 of each year.*

§ 30-236. (Expires July 1, 2012; For contingent expiration - See notes) Powers and duties of the Commission.

The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Serve as the primary forum in the Commonwealth where the needs *of* and issues ~~of~~ *affecting* people with *physical and sensory* disabilities are *identified and* addressed through the collaboration of members of the legislative and executive branches of state government, *including the staff of legislative and executive branch agencies*, and citizens of the Commonwealth;

2. ~~Evaluate~~ *Develop, evaluate, and advance* budget proposals and *legislative and policy issues oriented towards recommendations to support* a service system that maximizes the self-sufficiency of Virginians with disabilities;

3. Develop and ~~review~~ *evaluate* recommendations for service program changes and funding related to services for persons with physical and sensory disabilities; ~~and~~

4. Advise on local, state and federal policies and programs relevant to citizens with disabilities; *and*

5. *Serve as the primary body for coordinating proposals and recommendations of all commissions and agencies for legislation or budget actions affecting persons with physical and sensory disabilities, including receiving, reviewing, and responding to proposals and recommendations.*