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**HOUSE BILL NO. 737**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2698 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council; membership.*

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Referred to Committee on Science and Technology**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 2.2-2698 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-2698. Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council; purpose; membership; chairman.

A. The Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council (the Council) is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Council shall be to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to promote the modeling and simulation industry in the Commonwealth.

B. The Council shall consist of ~~43~~ 15 members as follows: three legislative members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; one legislative member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; six citizen representatives of the modeling and simulation industry *and two citizen members representing Virginia universities with modeling and simulation capabilities* to be appointed by the Governor; the Secretary of Technology and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade or their designees; and the Executive Director of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center.

Ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Other members shall be appointed for a term of two years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

C. The Council shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Council shall meet biannually and at such other times as may be called by the chairman or a majority of the Council. Staff to the Council shall be provided by the office of the Secretary of Technology.

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