

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 51, consisting of*
 3 *sections numbered 30-330, 30-331, and 30-332, relating to the Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Tax*
 4 *Preferences.*

5 [H 777]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 51, consisting**
 9 **of sections numbered 30-330, 30-331, and 30-332, as follows:**

10 CHAPTER 51.

11 JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE TAX PREFERENCES.

12 § 30-330. *Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Tax Preferences; purpose.*

13 *The Joint Subcommittee to Evaluate Tax Preferences (the Joint Subcommittee) is established in the*
 14 *legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Joint Subcommittee is to oversee the*
 15 *evaluation of Virginia's tax preferences, including but not limited to tax credits, deductions, subtractions,*
 16 *exemptions, and exclusions.*

17 § 30-331. *Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman and vice-chairman; quorum; meetings;*
 18 *compensation.*

19 *The Joint Subcommittee shall have a total membership of 14 legislative members that shall consist of*
 20 *eight members of the House of Delegates and six members of the Senate. Members shall be appointed*
 21 *as follows: eight members of the House of Delegates, of which six shall be members of the House*
 22 *Committee on Finance and two shall be members of the House Committee on Appropriations to be*
 23 *appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the*
 24 *House Committee on Appropriations and the Chairman of the House Committee on Finance,*
 25 *respectively; and six members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, upon*
 26 *the recommendation of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance.*

27 *Members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other*
 28 *than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Members may be reappointed. Vacancies*
 29 *shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.*

30 *The Joint Subcommittee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership.*

31 *A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Joint Subcommittee shall*
 32 *be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.*

33 *No recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee shall be adopted if a majority of the House members*
 34 *or a majority of the Senate members appointed to the Joint Subcommittee (i) vote against the*
 35 *recommendation and (ii) vote for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the*
 36 *Joint Subcommittee.*

37 *Members of the Joint Subcommittee shall receive such compensation and shall be reimbursed for*
 38 *reasonable and necessary expenses as provided in the general appropriation act.*

39 § 30-332. *Powers and duties of the Joint Subcommittee; staffing; reports.*40 *The Joint Subcommittee shall have the following powers and duties:*41 *1. Undertake a systematic review of Virginia's tax preferences;*

42 *2. Adopt a schedule for reviewing tax preferences based upon program areas to which the*
 43 *preferences relate;*

44 *3. Establish procedures and performance measures to evaluate the effectiveness of tax preferences;*

45 *4. Request Department of Taxation staff, under the Joint Subcommittee's guidance and instruction, to*
 46 *conduct independent evaluations of tax preferences and report its findings to the Joint Subcommittee;*

47 *5. Recommend a process and guidelines for establishing expiration dates for tax preferences; and*

48 *6. Submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor of its recommendations,*
 49 *including which tax preferences should be continued, expanded, modified, or eliminated.*

50 *The Joint Subcommittee is authorized to establish a technical advisory group to assist the work of*
 51 *the Joint Subcommittee and Department of Taxation staff by providing additional guidance and*
 52 *reviewing evaluations conducted by the Department. The technical advisory group shall include*
 53 *individuals with tax policy or economic expertise and legislative staff.*

54 *Administrative staff support shall be provided by the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates.*
 55 *Legal, research, policy analysis, and other services requested by the Joint Subcommittee shall be*
 56 *provided by the Division of Legislative Services. Technical assistance shall be provided by the staffs of*

57 *the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.*

58 *The chairman shall submit to the General Assembly and the Governor an annual executive summary*
59 *of the interim activity and work of the Joint Subcommittee no later than the first day of each regular*
60 *session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the*
61 *procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents*
62 *and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.*