

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2015 SESSION

CHAPTER 321

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2666.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Military Advisory Council; membership.

[S 962]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2666.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2666.1. Virginia Military Advisory Council; composition; compensation and expenses; meetings; chairman's executive summary.

A. The Virginia Military Advisory Council (the Council) is ~~hereby created~~ *established* as an advisory council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government, to maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between the Commonwealth and the leadership of the several Armed Forces of the United States and the military commanders of such Armed Forces stationed in the Commonwealth, and to encourage regular communication on continued military facility viability, the exploration of privatization opportunities and issues affecting preparedness, public safety and security.

B. The Council shall be composed of ~~27~~ *11* members as follows: the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Adjutant General, the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Chairman of the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety ~~and~~, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws, or their designees; ~~and four~~ *five* members; ~~one of whom shall be a representative of the Virginia Defense Force~~, to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor; ~~and 17 members, including representatives. Representatives of the major military commands and installations located in the Commonwealth or in jurisdictions adjacent thereto, who shall be requested to serve by the Governor after consideration of the persons nominated by the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States. However, any shall be invited by the Governor to represent their command or installation at the meetings of the Council. Any legislative member who is appointed by the Governor shall serve a term coincident with his term of office. The provisions of § 49-1 shall not apply to federal civilian officials and military personnel appointed to the Council.~~

C. Legislative members of the Council shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative members shall receive such compensation as provided in § 2.2-2813 for the performance of their duties. All members 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 ~~Department of Military Affairs~~ *Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs*.

D. The Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs shall be the chairman of the Council. ~~The chairman shall designate a military advisor to the Council from among the representatives of the major military commands and installations located in the Commonwealth or in jurisdictions adjacent thereto pursuant to subsection B, who shall be an active duty general or flag officer serving in Virginia. The meetings of the Council shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of members so request. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.~~

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