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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1423**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 23-231.20 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; board membership.*

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. (By Request); Senators: Ruff and Stanley

Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 23-231.20 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 23-231.20. Board of trustees; membership; appointments; terms; compensation and expenses; officers.**

A. The Institute shall be governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees consisting of the presidents or their designees of Averett University, Danville Community College, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; the chairman or his designee of the Board of the Future of the Piedmont Foundation; one resident of the City of Danville to be appointed by the Danville City Council; one resident of Pittsylvania County to be appointed by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors; and nine citizens representing business and industry ~~and residing~~ *who (i) reside in Southside Virginia, (ii) own a business headquartered or otherwise operating in Southside Virginia, or (iii) serve as a member of either the board of directors or senior management of a business headquartered or otherwise operating in Southside Virginia, of whom three* ~~to~~ shall be appointed by the Governor, three ~~to~~ shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and three ~~to~~ shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. All members appointed shall be nonelected citizens of the Commonwealth.

B. The presidents or their designees of the named institutions of higher education and the chairman or his designee of the Board of the Future of the Piedmont Foundation shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Of the initial citizen appointments to be made in 2004, one appointee each by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Senate Committee on Rules shall serve for one-year terms and one appointee each by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Senate shall serve for two-year terms. After the initial staggering of terms, all citizen appointments shall be for terms of three years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms.

No citizen member of the Board shall be eligible to serve more than two successive three-year terms; however, after expiration of a term of less than three years, or after the remainder of a three-year term to which a member was appointed to fill a vacancy, a member may serve two additional three-year terms, if so appointed.

C. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members and may establish bylaws as necessary.

D. Members of the Board shall not be entitled to receive compensation. 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 cost of expenses of the members shall be provided by the Institute.

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