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HOUSE BILL NO. 2168

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 60, consisting of sections numbered 30-376 through 30-383, relating to the establishment of the Commission on School Innovation, Modernization, and Competitiveness; report.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 60, consisting of sections numbered 30-376 through 30-383, as follows:

CHAPTER 60.**COMMISSION ON SCHOOL INNOVATION, MODERNIZATION, AND COMPETITIVENESS.****§ 30-376. Commission on School Innovation, Modernization, and Competitiveness; purpose.**

The Commission on School Innovation, Modernization, and Competitiveness (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government. The purpose of the Commission is to develop and oversee the implementation of a goal and strategic plan for (i) promoting and increasing public high school student participation in dual enrollment courses, industry certifications, and state licensure examinations, (ii) modernizing public elementary and secondary school buildings throughout the Commonwealth, and (iii) achieving the Commonwealth's teacher compensation goal as set forth in § 22.1-289.1.

§ 30-377. Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman and vice-chairman.

The Commission shall consist of 22 members that include 12 legislative members, eight nonlegislative citizen members, and two ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: seven members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; four nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, including at least one school board member, one division superintendent, and one school division budget director; four nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, including at least one member of the board of a public school education foundation and one representative of the business community in the Commonwealth; and the Staff Directors of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance or their designees to serve ex officio with voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chairman of the Commission and the respective Clerk, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of attending meetings.

Legislative members and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative members and nonlegislative citizen members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership, who shall be members of the General Assembly.

§ 30-378. Quorum; meetings; voting on recommendations.

A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

No recommendation of the Commission shall be adopted if a majority of the House members or a majority of the Senate members appointed to the Commission (i) vote against the recommendation and (ii) vote for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the Commission.

§ 30-379. Compensation; expenses.

Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and nonlegislative citizen members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses

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59 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Compensation to
60 members of the General Assembly for attendance at official meetings of the Commission shall be paid
61 by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or Clerk of the Senate, as applicable. All other
62 compensation and expenses shall be paid from existing appropriations to the Commission or, if
63 unfunded, shall be approved by the Joint Rules Committee.

64 **§ 30-380. Duties of the Commission.**

65 The Commission shall develop and oversee the implementation of a goal and strategic plan for:

66 1. Promoting and increasing public high school student participation in dual enrollment courses,
67 industry certifications, and state licensure examinations, in consultation with the Department of
68 Education and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia;

69 2. Modernizing public elementary and secondary school buildings throughout the Commonwealth,
70 including (i) funding such modernization, (ii) analyzing the costs and benefits of renovating existing
71 school buildings and constructing new school buildings, (iii) prioritizing advanced classroom and
72 laboratory technology in school renovation and new school construction, and (iv) prioritizing dual
73 enrollment, industry certification, and state licensure examination opportunities in high school
74 renovation and new high school construction; and

75 3. Achieving the Commonwealth's teacher compensation goal as set forth in § 22.1-289.1.

76 **§ 30-381. Staffing.**

77 Administrative staff support shall be provided by the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or
78 the Office of the Clerk of the Senate as may be appropriate for the house in which the chairman of the
79 Commission serves. The Division of Legislative Services shall provide legal, research, policy analysis,
80 and other services as requested by the Commission.

81 **§ 30-382. Chairman's executive summary of activity and work of the Commission.**

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

87 **§ 30-383. Sunset.**

88 This chapter shall expire on July 1, 2022.

89 2. That, for its first year of existence, if the Commission on School Innovation, Modernization, and
90 Competitiveness (the Commission) is not funded by a separate appropriation in the appropriation
91 act, the Commission may be funded from the operating budgets of the Clerk of the House of
92 Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate upon the approval of the Joint Rules Committee. If the
93 Commission is not funded by a separate appropriation in the appropriation act for any year
94 thereafter, this chapter shall expire on July 1 of the fiscal year in which the Commission fails to
95 receive such funding.