

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1994 SESSION

CHAPTER 31

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 23-231.8, 23-231.9, and 23-231.10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the A.L. Philpott Manufacturing Research Center.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 23-231.8, 23-231.9, and 23-231.10 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

CHAPTER 16.2.

A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Research Center.

§ 23-231.8. A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Center created; mission and duties.

From such funds as may be appropriated or provided, there is hereby established the A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Research Center, referred to in this chapter as the Center. The Center shall:

1. Develop, demonstrate, test, and assist in the implementation of advanced manufacturing technologies.

2. Promote industrial expansion by providing manufacturing technology consulting services to manufacturers in Virginia.

3. Foster the creation of manufacturing networks and the development of buyer and supplier relationships in the region and throughout the Commonwealth.

4. Serve as a resource center for industrial training and technology transfer programs for the renewal, enhancement, and expansion of existing manufacturing enterprises and for manufacturing modernization outreach.

5. Be available as a federal demonstration center for the training of displaced workers in a manufacturing area.

6. Receive and accept any available grants, from any federal, state, or private agency, corporation, association or person, to be expended in accomplishing the goals enumerated in subdivisions 1 through 5 above.

§ 23-231.9. Membership of governing board; terms; compensation; officers.

A. The Center shall be governed by a *seventeen-member* board of trustees consisting of ~~the three~~ presidents ~~or their designees~~ of three community colleges; two presidents ~~or their designees~~ of public four-year institutions of higher education; *and* one president ~~or his designee~~ of a private four-year institution of higher education; ~~four~~ *nine* citizen members, representing manufacturing industries, to be appointed by the Governor; ~~and~~ the director or his designee of the Center for Innovative Technology; *and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.*

B. ~~Of the members to be appointed~~ *Initial appointments* in 1992 *shall be as follows:* the three community college presidents shall be appointed for two-year, three-year, and four-year terms, respectively; the two presidents of the public four-year institutions shall be appointed for two-year and four-year terms, respectively; the president of a private four-year institution shall be appointed for a three-year term; two citizen members shall be appointed for two-year terms, and two citizen members shall be appointed for three-year and four-year terms, respectively. *Of the five citizen members to be appointed in 1994, two shall be appointed for two-year terms, two shall be appointed for three-year terms, and one shall be appointed for a four-year term.* Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. With the ~~exception~~ *exceptions* of the director or his designee of the Center for Innovative Technology *and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade*, no person shall be eligible to serve for ~~or during~~ more than two successive four-year terms; ~~but after;~~ *however, upon* the expiration of a term of ~~three years or less than four years~~, or after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto.

C. The board shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members. All members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the work of the Center.

§ 23-231.10. Executive director; powers and duties; staff.

A. The board shall appoint an executive director for the Center who shall supervise and manage the Center and shall prepare and submit, upon direction and approval by the board, all requests for appropriations. The executive director shall be authorized to employ such staff as necessary to enable the Center to perform its duties as set forth in this chapter. The board is authorized to determine staff duties and to fix salaries and compensation from such funds as may be appropriated or received. In addition, the board is authorized to make arrangements with institutions of higher education to extend

course credit to graduate students employed by the Center.

B. Additional staff support for the functions of the Center may be provided by the Center for Innovative Technology, *the University of Virginia Center for Public Service*, community colleges and four-year institutions of higher education, small business development centers, and private business.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.