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## SENATE BILL NO. 947

Offered January 23, 1995

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-751 and 2.1-753, as they are effective and as they may become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families; membership on local teams.*

Patrons—Howell, Barry, Gartlan, Saslaw, Waddell and Woods; Delegates: Callahan, Connally, Darner, Fisher and Puller

Referred to the Committee on General Laws

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

**1. That §§ 2.1-751 and 2.1-753, as they are effective and as they may become effective, of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-751. (For effective date - See note) Community policy and management teams; membership; immunity from liability.

The community policy and management team to be appointed by the local governing body shall include, at a minimum, the local agency heads or their designees of the following community agencies: community services board established pursuant to § 37.1-195, juvenile court services unit, department of health, department of social services and the local school division. The team shall also include a representative of a private organization or association of providers for children's or family services if such organizations or associations are located within the locality, and a parent representative who is not an employee of any public or private program which ~~serves children and families receives funds pursuant to this chapter or is represented on a community policy and management team~~. Those persons appointed to represent community agencies shall be authorized to make policy and funding decisions for their agencies.

The local governing body may appoint other members to the team including, but not limited to, a local government official, a local law-enforcement official and representatives of other public agencies.

When any combination of counties, cities or counties and cities establishes a community policy and management team, the membership requirements previously set out shall be adhered to by the team as a whole.

Persons who serve on the team shall be immune from any civil liability for decisions made about the appropriate services for a family or the proper placement or treatment of a child who comes before the team, unless it is proven that such person acted with malicious intent. Any person serving on such team who does not represent a public agency shall file a statement of economic interests as set out in § 2.1-639.15 of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.1-639.1 et seq.). Persons representing public agencies shall file such statements if required to do so pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act.

*Persons serving on the team who are parent representatives or who represent private organizations or associations of providers for children's or family services shall abstain from decision-making involving individual cases or agencies in which they have either a personal interest, as defined in § 2.1-639.2 of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, or a fiduciary interest.*

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