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HOUSE BILL NO. 359

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.1-746 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth; membership of state executive council.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 2.1-746 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-746. State executive council; members; duties.

The members of the state executive council shall be the Commissioners of Health, of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and of Social Services; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court; the Director of the Department of Youth and Family Services; *an elected or appointed official, to be appointed by the Governor*; and a parent representative. The parent representative shall be appointed by the Governor for a term not to exceed three years and shall not be an employee of any public or private program which serves children and families. The council shall annually elect a chairman who shall be responsible for convening the council. The council shall meet, at a minimum, semiannually, to oversee the administration of this chapter and make such decisions as may be necessary to carry out its purposes.

The state executive council shall:

1. Appoint the members of the state management team in accordance with the requirements of § 2.1-747;

2. Provide for the establishment of interagency programmatic and fiscal policies developed by the state management team, which support the purposes of this chapter, through the promulgation of regulations by the participating state boards or by administrative action, as appropriate;

3. Oversee the administration of state interagency policies governing the use, distribution and monitoring of moneys in the state pool of funds and the state trust fund;

4. Provide for the administration of necessary interagency functions which support the work of the state management team;

5. Review and take appropriate action on issues brought before it by the state management team;

6. Advise the Governor and appropriate Cabinet Secretaries on proposed policy and operational changes which facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication and cooperation;

7. Provide administrative support and fiscal incentives for the establishment and operation of local comprehensive service systems;

8. Oversee coordination of prevention and early intervention programs to promote comprehensive, coordinated service delivery, local interagency program management, and co-location of programs and services in communities. Prevention and early intervention programs include state programs under the administrative control of the state executive council member agencies; and

9. Biennially publish and disseminate to members of the General Assembly and community policy and management teams a state progress report on comprehensive services to children, youth and families and a plan for such services for the next succeeding biennium. The state plan shall:

a. provide a fiscal profile of current and previous years' federal and state expenditures for a comprehensive service system for children, youth and families;

b. incorporate information and recommendations from local comprehensive service systems with responsibility for planning and delivering services to children, youth and families;

c. identify and establish goals for comprehensive services and the estimated costs of implementing these goals, report progress toward previously identified goals and establish priorities for the coming biennium; and

d. include such other information or recommendations as may be necessary and appropriate for the improvement and coordinated development of the state's comprehensive services system.

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