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SENATE BILL NO. 1022

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-297.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Transplant Council.

Patrons—Woods and Howell; Delegates: Bryant, DeBoer and Van Yahres

Referred to the Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-297.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-297.1. The Virginia Transplant Council.

A. For the purpose of conducting educational and informational activities and coordinating such activities as they relate to organ, ~~and~~ tissue, ~~and eye donation~~, procurement, and transplantation efforts in the Commonwealth, there is hereby established the Virginia Transplant Council (*the "Council"*). The membership of the Council shall ~~initially~~ consist of the following organizations, each of whom shall have one vote: ~~the University of Virginia Medical Center, the Medical College of Virginia, the Virginia Organ Procurement Agency, the Eastern Virginia Renal Transplant Program, the Eastern Virginia Tissue Bank, the Old Dominion Eye Bank, the Lion's Eye and Research Center of Eastern Virginia, the Eye Bank and Research Foundation of Virginia and the South-Eastern Organ Procurement Foundation Bone Marrow Transplantation Program at Medical College of Virginia Hospitals, Bone Marrow Program at Virginia Blood Services, Carolina Organ Procurement Agency, Fairfax Hospital, Henrico Doctors' Hospital, LifeNet, Life Resources Regional Donor Center, Lions Medical Eye Bank and Research Center of Eastern Virginia, Medical College of Virginia Hospitals, Old Dominion Eye Bank, Roanoke Memorial Hospitals, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, South-Eastern Organ Procurement Foundation, University of Virginia Health Sciences Center, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, Virginias' Organ Procurement Agency, Washington Regional Transplant Consortium, and any successor organization thereof which remains directly involved in activities related to organ, tissue, or eye donation, procurement, or transplantation.~~

B. In order to provide flexibility, ~~viable~~ and coordination and to prevent duplication of efforts, the ~~member organizations~~ Council may agree to ~~include as members of~~ extend associate membership on the Council to other organizations, agencies, or experts, public or private, who (i) are directly involved in or (ii) provide education or information on organ, ~~or~~ tissue, or eye donation, procurement, or transplantation as they deem appropriate. Such other experts' membership shall include a representative of a bone marrow transplantation program be extended to the Virginia Departments of Education, Health Professions, and Motor Vehicles, and may be extended to other organizations, agencies, or experts as the Council deems appropriate.

The Board of Health shall be designated as budgetary administrator of the Council and shall receive such funds as may be provided by the General Assembly in the appropriations act. The Board shall provide technical oversight for the Commonwealth of the activities of the Council and shall require such fiscal and substantive reports of the Council as it deems necessary.

C. The Council shall conduct its activities in consultation and coordination with other organizations whose goals are related to organ, ~~or~~ tissue, or eye donation, procurement, or transplantation including, but not limited to, the End Stage Renal Disease Network of the Virginias, the North American Transplant Coordinators' Organization, the National Kidney Foundation of Virginia, the American Liver Foundation, the United Network for Organ Sharing ~~and~~, the Virginia Heart Association, ~~and successor organizations thereof~~. To achieve its ~~purpose~~ purposes efficiently and effectively, the Council may conduct its activities through its member organizations or may contract for services with appropriate parties.

D. The Board of Health shall be designated as budgetary administrator of the Council and shall receive such funds as may be provided by the General Assembly in the appropriations act for the operation and administration of the Council. The Board shall provide technical oversight for the Commonwealth of the activities of the Council and shall require such fiscal and substantive reports of the Council as it deems necessary.

E. To enable the Council to further its purposes, the Council is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public or private sources. The Virginia Transplant Council Education Fund (*the "Fund"*) is hereby established and shall consist of such gifts, grants, or donations as may be received pursuant to this subsection and any moneys appropriated by the General Assembly to support the Council's education and information programs. The Fund shall be established on the

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60 *books of the Comptroller. Moneys remaining in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert*
61 *to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall remain in the*
62 *Fund and be credited to it.*

63 *F. On or before September 30 of each year, the Council shall submit a report on its activities in the*
64 *previous fiscal year to the chairmen of the Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions of the House*
65 *of Delegates and the Committee on Education and Health of the Senate.*