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HOUSE BILL NO. 1080

Offered January 26, 1998

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 66-11.1, relating to advisory committee on the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.*

Patron—Jackson

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 66-11.1 as follows:**

§ 66-11.1. Advisory Committee on the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act.

A. There is created a permanent Advisory Committee on the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act which shall have the responsibility for advising and assisting the Board and the Department on matters related to the programs, services, allocations and expenditures associated with the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act. The membership of the Advisory Committee shall include persons who are residents of the Commonwealth and have training, experience or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency or the administration of juvenile justice. The Advisory Committee shall consist of ten members to be appointed as follows: one juvenile and domestic relations district court judge, one local city or county administrator and one person who is employed in a private organization with a special focus on maintaining and strengthening the family unit shall be appointed by the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; one representative of local law enforcement and one representative of a community-based delinquency prevention or treatment program formally funded through the block grant shall be appointed by the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee; and two citizens who are interested in juvenile justice issues, one citizen who works as a volunteer with delinquents or potential delinquents, one citizen who is an employee of a local juvenile and domestic relations district court service unit, and one citizen who represents organizations concerned with the quality of juvenile justice, education or social services for children shall be appointed by the Governor. A member of the Board of Juvenile Justice shall serve as a liaison between the Board and the Advisory Committee. Staff from the Department shall assist the Advisory Committee in its work and each administrative entity or collegial body within the executive branch of the state government as may be requested to do so shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee as it carries out its responsibilities.

B. The members of the Advisory Committee shall serve for terms of four years, provided that no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment. Appointed members of the Advisory committee shall not be eligible to serve as such for more than two consecutive full terms. Three or more years within a four-year period shall be deemed a full term. Any vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term.

C. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee shall designate one or more vice-chairmen from among its members.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of any statute, ordinance, local law, or charter provision to the contrary, membership on the Committee shall not disqualify any member from holding any other public office or employment, or cause the forfeiture thereof.

E. Members of the Advisory Committee shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any actual expenses incurred as a necessary incident to such service and to receive such compensation as is provided in § 2.1-20.3.

F. The Advisory Committee shall each hold no less than four regular meetings a year. Subject to the requirements of this subsection, the chairman shall fix the times and places of meetings.

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