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## SENATE BILL NO. 416

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services  
on February 6, 1998)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Walker)

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 63.1-14 and 63.1-15 of the Code of Virginia, requiring the Commissioner of Health to serve on the Board of Social Services.*

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

**1. That §§ 63.1-14 and 63.1-15 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 63.1-14. Board of Social Services.

There shall be a State Board of Social Services consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor. In making appointments the Governor shall endeavor to select appointees of such qualifications and experience that the membership of the Board shall include persons suitably qualified to consider and act upon the various problems which the Board may be required to consider and act upon. The Board shall include a member from each of the welfare regions of the State ~~state~~ established by the Commissioner of Social Services *and one member shall be a health care professional. Provided, however, that the requirement for geographic representation shall not operate to deny reappointment to any person serving on the Board as of June 30, 1980, who is eligible for reappointment.* The appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly if in session and, if not, then at its next succeeding session. Whenever the words "State Board" or "Board" are used in this title, they shall be construed to mean and refer to the Board of Social Services.

§ 63.1-15. Term of office of members; suspension or removal.

The members of the Board shall be appointed for *four-year* terms ~~of four years each beginning July 1, 1974. Of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term of two years, three shall be appointed for a term of three years and four shall be appointed for a term of four years. Thereafter, the appointments shall be for terms of four years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term.~~

No person shall be eligible to serve for or during more than two successive terms; ~~provided, however, any person heretofore or hereafter appointed to fill a vacancy may be eligible for two additional successive terms after the term of the vacancy for which he was appointed has expired.~~

Members of the State Board may be suspended or removed by the Governor at his pleasure.