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HOUSE BILL NO. 2859

Offered January 19, 2001

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 52, consisting of sections numbered 9-396 through 9-399, relating to the creation of the Virginia-Asian Advisory Board.*

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 Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 9 a chapter numbered 52, consisting of sections numbered 9-396 through 9-399, as follows:

CHAPTER 52.**VIRGINIA-ASIAN ADVISORY BOARD.**

§ 9-396. *Virginia-Asian Advisory Board established; purpose.*

The Virginia-Asian Advisory Board (the "Board") is hereby established as an advisory board within the meaning of § 9-6.25 in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Board shall be to advise the Governor on ways to improve economic and cultural links between the Commonwealth and Pacific Rim nations, with a focus on the areas of commerce and trade, art and education, and general government.

§ 9-397. *Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman.*

The Board shall consist of twenty-one members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: eighteen citizen members who shall represent business, education, the arts, and government, at least eleven of whom shall be of Asian descent; and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Health and Human Resources, and Education, or their designees to serve as ex officio members of the Board.

Citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Health and Human Resources, and Education, or their designees, shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Any member may be reappointed for successive terms.

The members of the Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually.

Members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses in accordance with § 2.1-20.8.

§ 9-398. *Powers and duties of the Board.*

The Board shall:

1. Undertake studies and gather information and data in order to accomplish its purposes as set forth in § 9-396, and to formulate and present its recommendations to the Governor.

2. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public or private sources, including any matching funds as may be designated in the appropriation act, to enable it to better carry out its purposes.

3. Report annually its findings and recommendations to the Governor. The Board may make interim reports to the Governor as it deems advisable.

4. Account annually on its fiscal activities, including any matching funds received or expended by the Board.

§ 9-399. *Staff; cooperation from other state agencies.*

The Office of the Governor shall serve as staff to the Board. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall assist the Board upon request.

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