VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

CHAPTER 366

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-2444 of the Code of Virginia and to amend and reenact the fourth enactment of Chapter 790 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998, as amended by the second enactment of Chapter 877 of the Acts of Assembly of 2002, relating to the awarding and payment of operations grants for activities of the Herbert H. Bateman Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center.

[H 2742]

Approved March 16, 2003

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.2-2444 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.2-2444. (Effective until June 30, 2006) Operation grants.

A. The operations grant provided for by this section shall be appropriated to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership for use by the Herbert H. Bateman Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center if the Secretary determines that:

1. The investment grant provided for in § 2.2-2443 has been awarded;

2. The United States government has awarded a prime contract to a Qualified Shipbuilder to design or to design and construct the United States Navy's next aircraft carrier;

3. The Qualified Shipbuilder has undertaken construction and has agreed to operate the Herbert H. Bateman Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement with the Secretary; and

4. To the extent practicable and consistent with the security requirements of the United States government and the protection of the Qualified Shipbuilder's proprietary information, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Qualified Shipbuilder and the Secretary provides for the establishment of procedures to:

a. Include members of the faculties and staffs of those public institutions of higher education in Virginia that provide engineering and other courses of study relevant to the shipbuilding industry, in the activities of the Herbert H. Bateman Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center, including research and development, education and training;

b. Allow other members of the shipbuilding industry access to, and participation in, the activities of the Herbert H. Bateman Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center, including its ship systems integration activities; and

c. Ensure that the training, retraining and education services provided by the Herbert H. Bateman Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center are not limited to employees of the Qualified Shipbuilder, but also are available to other members of the shipbuilding industry.

B. The operations grant authorized by this section shall be subject to the following limitations:

1. The operations grant shall be awarded after July 1, 1998, and before July 1, ~~2006~~ *2008*; and

2. The total operations grants awarded shall not exceed $20 million during any fiscal year and shall not exceed $40 million in the aggregate.

3. All such grants received shall be used to establish or operate activities of the Herbert H. Bateman Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center.

2. That the fourth enactment of Chapter 790 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998, as amended by the second enactment of Chapter 877 of the Acts of Assembly of 2002, is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. That the provisions *of enactment 2 and enactment 3* of this act ~~relating to the Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center program~~ shall expire on ~~June 30, 2006~~ *July 1, 2008*.