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HOUSE BILL NO. 79

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 30-236 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 30-239 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Disability Commission; powers and duties; work groups; sunset.

Patrons—Orrock, Pogge, Toscano and Villanueva; Senators: Miller, Y.B. and Puller

Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 30-236 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 30-236. (Expires July 1, 2012) Powers and duties of the Commission.

A. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Serve as the primary forum in the Commonwealth where the needs of and issues affecting people with physical and sensory disabilities are identified and addressed through the collaboration of members of the legislative and executive branches of state government, including the staff of legislative and executive branch agencies, and citizens of the Commonwealth;

2. Develop, evaluate, and advance budget proposals and legislative and policy recommendations to support a service system that maximizes the self-sufficiency of Virginians with disabilities;

3. Develop and evaluate recommendations for service program changes and funding related to services for persons with physical and sensory disabilities;

4. Advise on local, state and federal policies and programs relevant to citizens with disabilities; and

5. Serve as the primary body for coordinating proposals and recommendations of all commissions and agencies for legislation or budget actions affecting persons with physical and sensory disabilities, including receiving, reviewing, and responding to proposals and recommendations.

B. The Commission shall establish work groups composed of persons with expertise in the matters under consideration by the Commission to assist the Commission in carrying out its powers and duties. Such work groups shall include work groups focused on issues related to (i) housing and transportation, (ii) education and employment, and (iii) publicly funded services, and may include such other work groups as the Commission may deem necessary to carry out its powers and duties. Persons serving on the work groups shall serve without compensation.

2. That § 30-239 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

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