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## SENATE BILL NO. 595

Offered January 13, 2014

A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-122.7:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority; length of terms.

Patron—Barker

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 32.1-122.7:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 32.1-122.7:1. Board of Directors of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority.**

The Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of 13 members to be appointed as follows: two members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; seven nonlegislative citizen members, three of whom shall be representatives of health professional educational or training programs, three of whom shall be health professionals or employers or representatives of health professionals, and one of whom shall be a representative of community health, to be appointed by the Governor; and the Commissioner of Health or his designee, the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee, and the Director of the Department of Health Professions or his designee, who shall serve as ex officio members with voting privileges. Members appointed by the Governor shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Legislative members and state government officials shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be for ~~two-year~~ *four-year* terms following the initial staggering of terms. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Legislative and citizen members may be reappointed; however, no citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive ~~two-year~~ *four-year* terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's term limit. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman annually from among its legislative members. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The Board of Directors shall report biennially on the activities and recommendations of the Authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the State Board of Health, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Joint Commission on Health Care, the Governor, and the General Assembly. In any reporting period where state general funds are appropriated to the Authority, the report shall include a detailed summary of how state general funds were expended.

The accounts and records of the Authority showing the receipt and disbursement of funds from whatever source derived shall be in a form prescribed by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public Accounts, or his legally authorized representative, shall annually examine the accounts of the Authority. The cost of such audit shall be borne by the Authority.

**2. That the provisions of this act shall not affect the length of any term that began prior to July 1, 2014.**

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