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HOUSE BILL NO. 263

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-354.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Western Virginia Public Education Consortium; membership.

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Referred to Committee on Education**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 22.1-354.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 22.1-354.1. Western Virginia Public Education Consortium and board created; region defined; governing board; chairman's executive summary.**

A. The Western Virginia Public Education Consortium is hereby established and shall be referred to as the Consortium. For the purposes of this chapter and the work of the Consortium, "Western Virginia" shall include the Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Wythe, and the Cities of Covington, Martinsville, Radford, Roanoke, and Salem. The governing board of the Consortium shall consist of 34 33 members that include ~~45~~ 14 legislative members and the 19 school superintendents of the named localities as follows: ~~44~~ 10 members of the House of Delegates representing the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, ~~Tenth~~, Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Nineteenth House Districts; four members of the Senate representing the Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-fifth Senatorial Districts, all serving as ex officio nonvoting members; and the school superintendents of Alleghany, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke County, Wythe, Covington, Martinsville, Radford, Roanoke City, and Salem.

B. Legislative members and school superintendents shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. The board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its members.

C. Members of the board shall serve without compensation. All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the work of the Consortium as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. All such expenses shall be paid from existing appropriations to or received by the Consortium or, if unfunded, shall be approved by the Joint Rules Committee.

D. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The board shall meet at the call of the chairman or whenever a majority of the members so request.

E. The chairman of the board shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the board no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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