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**HOUSE BILL NO. 894**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-253.13:10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee; membership.*

Patrons—Greason and Ward

Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 22.1-253.13:10 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 22.1-253.13:10. Standards of Learning Innovation Committee.**

The Secretary of Education, upon receiving recommendations for appointments from the Virginia Parent Teacher Association, Virginia Education Association, Virginia School Boards Association, Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals, Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals, Virginia Association of School Superintendents, Virginia State Reading Association, Virginia School Counselor Association, and Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, shall establish and appoint *nonlegislative citizen members* from each of the specified groups to the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee (Committee). The Committee shall ~~also include~~ *consist of* (i) four members of the Virginia House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; (ii) two members of the Virginia Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules on the recommendation of the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education and Health; *and (iii) at least one* ~~(iii)~~ parent of a currently enrolled public school student, ~~(iv)~~ public elementary school teacher, ~~(v)~~ public secondary school teacher, ~~(vi)~~ public secondary school guidance counselor, ~~(vii)~~ school board member, ~~(viii)~~ public school principal, ~~(ix)~~ division superintendent, ~~(x)~~ curriculum and instruction specialist, ~~(xi)~~ higher education faculty member, ~~(xii)~~ *business representative of a four-year public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, representative of a two-year public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, and representative of the business community in the Commonwealth* and such other stakeholders as the Secretary deems appropriate, *appointed by the Secretary*. Members of the Committee should reflect geographic diversity and rural and urban school systems as far as practicable. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, the President of the Board of Education or his designee, and the Secretary of Education or his designee shall serve ex officio. All other members shall be appointed for terms of two years. The Committee, under the direction of the Secretary, shall periodically make recommendations to the Board of Education and the General Assembly on (a) the Standards of Learning assessments, (b) authentic individual student growth measures, (c) alignment between the Standards of Learning and assessments and the School Performance Report Card, and (d) ideas on innovative teaching in the classroom.

**2. That appointments of nonlegislative citizen members made by the Secretary of Education after the effective date of this act shall be staggered such that half or approximately half of the nonlegislative citizen members shall serve terms of three years and the other half or approximate half of the nonlegislative citizen members shall serve terms of two years. After such staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall serve terms of two years.**

**3. That appointments of legislative members made after the effective date of this act shall be staggered as follows: two members of the Virginia House of Delegates for a term of three years appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; two members of the Virginia House of Delegates for a term of two years appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; one member of the Virginia Senate for a term of three years appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and one member of the Virginia Senate for a term of two years appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. After such staggering of terms, legislative members shall serve terms of two years.**

**4. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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