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Bill Number: HB1621 **Patron:** Laufer
Bill Title: Public institutions of higher education; governing boards; nonvoting, advisory representatives.

Bill Summary: Requires the State Board for Community Colleges, the board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education, and each local community college board to appoint a nonvoting, advisory faculty representative to its respective board. Under current law, such an appointment is permissive. The bill also requires the board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education and each local community college board to appoint a nonvoting, advisory staff representative to its respective board. The bill requires such advisory faculty and staff representatives to be elected by the faculty and staff of the institution, respectively, in the manner that such faculty and staff members deem appropriate. Current law requires the advisory faculty representative to be chosen from individuals elected by the faculty or the institution's faculty senate or its equivalent. The bill also clarifies that any vacancy of such an advisory representative shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection, whether the vacancy occurs by expiration of a term or otherwise.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None

Explanation: This bill impacts public institutions of higher education (IHEs) including the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). The fiscal impact to these agencies is indeterminate at this time but likely absorbable.

Fiscal Summary: Responding public IHEs anticipate no impact or minimal absorbable expenses. The actual fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time.

Other: This fiscal impact statement is preliminary and based on feedback from public IHEs as of the date of publication.