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Bill Number: HB1621H1 Patron: Laufer

Bill Title: Public institutions of higher education; governing boards; nonvoting, advisory

representatives.

Bill Summary: Requires the State Board for Community Colleges to appoint one or more nonvoting, advisory faculty representatives to its board. Also requires the board of visitors of each baccalaureate public institution of higher education and each local community college board to appoint at least two nonvoting, advisory representatives to its respective board, including at least one advisory faculty representative and at least one advisory staff representative. Under current law, such an appointment is permissive. The bill requires such advisory faculty and staff representatives to be chosen from individuals 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

Fiscal Summary: This bill impacts public institutions of higher education (IHEs) including the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). Responding public IHEs anticipate no impact or minimal absorbable expenses.

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