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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 423**

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-3117 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Roanoke Higher Education*  
5 *Authority; board of trustees; membership.*

6 Patron—Rasoul

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That § 23.1-3117 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**10 **§ 23.1-3117. Board of trustees.**11 A. The Authority shall be governed by a 19-member an 18-member board of trustees (the board) as  
12 follows: two members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
13 in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of  
14 Delegates; one member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Executive  
15 Director of the Council or his designee; the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his  
16 designee; the presidents of *Appalachian College of Pharmacy*, James Madison University, ~~Old Dominion~~  
17 University, Radford University, ~~the University of Virginia~~, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia  
18 Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Western Community  
19 College or their designees; the ~~Director~~ President of Total Action for Progress (TAP) ~~This Valley Works or~~  
20 ~~his designee~~; and five nonlegislative citizen members representing business and industry in the Roanoke  
21 Valley to be appointed by the Governor. Nonlegislative citizen members of the board shall be citizens of the  
22 Commonwealth and residents of the Roanoke region.23 B. The legislative members, the Executive Director of the Council, the Chancellor of the Virginia  
24 Community College System, the ~~Director~~ President of TAP ~~This Valley Works~~, and the presidents of the  
25 named institutions of higher education or their designees shall serve terms coincident with their terms of  
26 office. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Appointments to fill  
27 vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the  
28 same manner as the original appointments.29 C. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, a  
30 member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms  
31 immediately succeeding such unexpired term.32 D. Nonlegislative citizen members are not entitled to compensation for their services. Legislative  
33 members of the board shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12. All members shall be  
34 reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the work  
35 of the Authority as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and  
36 expenses of the members shall be provided by the Authority.37 E. The board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its membership and may establish  
38 bylaws as necessary.

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