

# 2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 430**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 12, 2026

4 A BILL to amend and reenact § 23.1-3112 of the Code of Virginia, relating to institutions of higher  
5 education; educational authorities, centers, committees, funds, institutes, and partnerships; New College  
6 Institute; board of directors; membership and composition.

7 Patron—LeVere Bolling

8 Committee Referral Pending

9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

10 1. That § 23.1-3112 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

11 § 23.1-3112. Board of directors.

12 A. New College shall be governed by a 15-member board of directors (the board) that shall consist of five  
13 legislative members and 10 nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed, consisting of 20  
14 members as follows: three members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
15 of Delegates in accordance with the rules of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House  
16 of Delegates; two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Executive  
17 Director of the Council or his designee; the Chancellor of the System or his designee; the presidents of  
18 George Mason University, Longwood University, Radford University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
19 State University, and Virginia State University or their designees; and 10 seven nonlegislative citizen  
20 members, three of whom shall be representatives of business and industry from the Commonwealth, to be  
21 appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, five of whom shall be  
22 representatives of West Piedmont public education and area business and industry, including one division  
23 superintendent, one public school teacher, and three business and industry leaders. The president of Patrick  
24 & Henry Community College or his designee shall serve ex officio without voting privileges. At least 13  
25 members shall be residents of the Commonwealth.

26 B. Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

27 C. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Appointments to fill  
28 vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the  
29 same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

30 D. No nonlegislative citizen member is eligible to serve more than two consecutive four-year terms;  
31 however, a member appointed to serve an unexpired term is eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms  
32 immediately succeeding such unexpired term.

33 E. The board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership and may establish  
34 bylaws as necessary. The meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the  
35 majority of the members so request.

36 F. Nonlegislative citizen members are not entitled to compensation for their services. Legislative  
37 members of the board shall be compensated as provided in § 30-19.12. All members shall be reimbursed for  
38 all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the work of New College  
39 as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. The funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the  
40 members shall be provided by New College.

41 2. That the provisions of this act shall not affect any existing appointments to the board of directors of  
42 the New College Institute for which the terms have not expired, provided, however, that any new  
43 appointments or appointments to fill vacancies on or after the effective date of this act shall be made in  
44 accordance with the provisions of this act.

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