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SENATE BILL NO. 757

Offered January 20, 2026

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 13 of Title 22.1 an article numbered 1.6, consisting of sections numbered 22.1-212.33 through 22.1-212.37, relating to establishment of Virginia African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous Education Advisory Board; report.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 13 of Title 22.1 an article numbered 1.6, consisting of sections numbered 22.1-212.33 through 22.1-212.37 as follows:

Article 1.6.

Virginia African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous Education Advisory Board.

§ 22.1-212.33. Virginia African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous Education Advisory Board; purpose.

The Virginia African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous Education Advisory Board (the Advisory Board) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to advise the Governor, his cabinet members, and the General Assembly on the current ways that African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous history is described in the relevant Standards of Learning and associated curriculum frameworks; how that content is taught in classrooms; and strategies to develop African American history and social studies elective courses, Asian American and Pacific Islander history and social studies elective courses, Latino history and social studies elective courses, and Indigenous history and social studies elective courses.

§ 22.1-212.34. Membership; terms; quorum; meetings.

The Advisory Board shall have a total membership of 32 members that shall consist of 28 nonlegislative citizen members and four ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows:

1. Four nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, one of whom shall have experience and expertise in African American history, policy, and civil rights; one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Asian American and Pacific Islander history, policy, and civil rights; one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Latino history, policy, and civil rights; and one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Indigenous history, policy, and civil rights;

2. Four nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, one of whom shall have experience and expertise in African American history, policy, and civil rights; one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Asian American and Pacific Islander history, policy, and civil rights; one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Latino history, policy, and civil rights; and one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Indigenous history, policy, and civil rights;

3. Four nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, one of whom shall have experience and expertise in African American history, policy, and civil rights; one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Asian American and Pacific Islander history, policy, and civil rights; one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Latino history, policy, and civil rights; and one of whom shall have experience and expertise in Indigenous history, policy, and civil rights;

4. Four nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the chairman of the Virginia African American Advisory Board, each of whom shall have experience and expertise in African American history, policy, and civil rights and none of whom shall be a current member of the Virginia African American Advisory Board;

5. Four nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the chairman of the Virginia Asian Advisory Board, each of whom shall have experience and expertise in Asian American and Pacific Islander history, policy, and civil rights and none of whom shall be a current member of the Virginia Asian Advisory Board;

6. Four nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the chairman of the Virginia Latino Advisory Board, each of whom shall have experience and expertise in Latino history, policy, and civil rights and none of whom shall be a current member of the Virginia Latino Advisory Board; and

7. Four nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the chairman of the Virginia Indian Advisory Board, all of whom shall have experience and expertise in Indigenous history, policy, and civil rights and none of whom shall be a current member of the Virginia Indian Advisory Board.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for

59 Virginia, or their designees, shall serve *ex officio* with voting privileges. The Secretary of Education and the  
 60 Chief Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion Officer for the Commonwealth, or their designees, shall serve *ex*  
 61 *officio* without voting privileges. *Ex officio* members of the Advisory Board shall serve terms coincident with  
 62 their terms of office. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Advisory Board shall be citizens of the  
 63 Commonwealth.

64 Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms.  
 65 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

66 After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four  
 67 years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The  
 68 remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in  
 69 determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

70 The Advisory Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of  
 71 the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Advisory Board shall be held at the call of the  
 72 chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

73 **§ 22.1-212.35. Compensation; expenses.**

74 Members shall receive such compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in § 2.2-2813.  
 75 All members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
 76 their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of  
 77 the members shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of Education.

78 **§ 22.1-212.36. Powers and duties of the Board; report.**

79 The Advisory Board shall have the following powers and duties:

80 1. Make recommendations for edits to enriched Standards of Learning and associated curriculum  
 81 frameworks relating to African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous history;

82 2. Make recommendations for the broader considerations for the full review process for the history and  
 83 social studies Standards of Learning;

84 3. Make recommendations for the necessary professional development and instructional supports for  
 85 teachers to ensure culturally competent instruction;

86 4. Develop model curricula for African American social studies and history elective courses, Asian  
 87 American and Pacific Islander social studies and history elective courses, Latino social studies and history  
 88 elective courses, and Indigenous social studies and history elective courses in secondary schools; and

89 5. Submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report  
 90 document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing  
 91 of legislative documents and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly  
 92 an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Advisory Board no later than the first  
 93 day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as a report  
 94 document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing  
 95 of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

96 **§ 22.1-212.37. Staffing.**

97 The Office of the Secretary of Education and the Department shall provide staff support to the Advisory  
 98 Board. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Advisory Board, upon request.

99 **2. That the initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members of the Virginia African American,  
 100 Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous Education Advisory Board, as created by  
 101 this act, shall be staggered as follows: seven members for a term of four years appointed by the  
 102 Speaker of the House of Delegates and the chairman of the Virginia African American Advisory  
 103 Board; seven members for a term of three years appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
 104 and the chairman of the Virginia Asian Advisory Board; seven members for a term of three years  
 105 appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and the chairman of the Virginia Latino Advisory Board;  
 106 and seven members for a term of four years appointed by the Governor and the chairman of the  
 107 Virginia Indian Advisory Board.**

108 **3. That the Virginia African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino, and Indigenous  
 109 Education Advisory Board shall meet at least once prior to December 31, 2027.**

110 **4. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2030.**