

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 70, consisting of sections*
 3 *numbered 30-454 through 30-457, relating to Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission established;*
 4 *report; emergency.*

5 [S 447]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 30 a chapter numbered 70, consisting of**
 9 **sections numbered 30-454 through 30-457, as follows:**

10 CHAPTER 70.

11 VIRGINIA BOYS AND MEN ADVISORY COMMISSION.

12 **§ 30-454. Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission; membership; terms; quorum; meetings.**13 *A. The Virginia Boys and Men Advisory Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory*
 14 *commission in the legislative branch of state government.*15 *B. The Commission shall have a total membership of 18 members that shall consist of 10 legislative*
 16 *members and eight nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows:*17 *1. Six members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in*
 18 *accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of*
 19 *Delegates;*20 *2. Four members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and*21 *3. Eight nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, of whom at least one shall have*
 22 *experience as an elementary or high school administrator, one shall have professional experience within the*
 23 *Virginia Community College System, one shall be a licensed pediatrician, one shall have experience and*
 24 *expertise in public safety, one shall be a board-certified mental health specialist, and one shall be a*
 25 *representative of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, a representative of the Department of*
 26 *Education with a focus on career and technical education, or a member of the Virginia Economic*
 27 *Development Partnership. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission shall be citizens of the*
 28 *Commonwealth.*29 *C. Legislative members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.*
 30 *Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies*
 31 *shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.*32 *After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four*
 33 *years. No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The*
 34 *remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in*
 35 *determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.*36 *D. The Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its membership, who shall be members*
 37 *of the General Assembly. A majority of the legislative members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.*
 38 *The meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chair or whenever the majority of the*
 39 *members so request.*40 **§ 30-455. Compensation; expenses.**41 *Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12, and*
 42 *nonlegislative citizen members shall receive compensation for the performance of their duties as provided in*
 43 *§ 2.2-2813. All members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the*
 44 *performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Compensation to members of the*
 45 *General Assembly for attendance at official meetings of the Commission shall be paid by the offices of the*
 46 *Clerk of the House of Delegates or Clerk of the Senate, as applicable. All other compensation and expenses*
 47 *shall be paid from existing appropriations to the Commission or, if unfunded, shall be approved by the Joint*
 48 *Rules Committee.*49 **§ 30-456. Powers and duties of the Commission; report.**50 *The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:*51 *1. Advise the General Assembly regarding the following issues as such issues relate to boys and men in*
 52 *the Commonwealth: education inequity, economic opportunities, disparity in health outcomes, family life,*
 53 *and the impact of social media use.*54 *2. Undertake studies, sponsor symposiums, conduct research, and prepare factual reports in order to*
 55 *gather information to formulate and present recommendations to the General Assembly relating to issues of*
 56 *concern and importance to boys and men in the Commonwealth, with a particular focus on the issues set*

57 *forth in subdivision 1.*

58 *3. Advise the General Assembly as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory, or other issues of*
59 *importance to boys and men in the Commonwealth, with a particular focus on the issues set forth in*
60 *subdivision 1.*

61 *4. Submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor for publication as a report*
62 *document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing*
63 *of legislative documents and reports. The chair shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an*
64 *annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Commission no later than the first day of*
65 *the regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as a report document*
66 *as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of*
67 *legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.*

68 **§ 30-457. Staffing; sunset.**

69 *A. The Office of the Clerk of the house in which the chair of the Commission serves shall provide*
70 *administrative staff support. The Division of Legislative Services shall provide legal and legislative research*
71 *and analysis as requested by the Commission.*

72 *B. That the provisions of this chapter shall expire on July 1, 2029.*

73 **2. That the initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members by the Governor shall be staggered**
74 **as follows: three members appointed for terms of two years; three members appointed for terms of**
75 **three years; and two members appointed for terms of four years.**

76 **3. That, in addition to the report required pursuant to § 30-456 of the Code of Virginia, as created by**
77 **this act, the Commission shall submit a special, one-time report to the General Assembly and the**
78 **Governor on or before October 1, 2026, consisting of no more than three recommendations, and such**
79 **report shall be published as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of**
80 **Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports.**

81 **4. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**