

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 26 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 32,
2 consisting of a section numbered 2.2-2698, relating to the Modeling and Simulation Advisory
3 Council.

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

5 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 26 of Title 2.2 an article numbered**
6 **32, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-2698 as follows:**

7 § 2.2-2698. Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council; purpose; membership; chairman.

8 A. The Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council (the MSAC) is established as an advisory
9 council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The purpose of
10 the Council shall be to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to promote the modeling
11 and simulation industry in the Commonwealth.

12 B. The MSAC shall consist of 19 members as follows: two legislative members of the House of
13 Delegates and three citizen representatives of the modeling and simulation industry to be appointed by
14 the Speaker of the House of Delegates, two legislative members of the Senate and two citizen
15 representatives of the modeling and simulation industry to be appointed by the Senate Committee on
16 Rules, five citizen representatives of the modeling and simulation industry to be appointed by the
17 Governor, the Secretary of Technology and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, or their designees,
18 the Director of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center or his designee, one member of
19 the Hampton Roads Partnership's Modeling and Simulation Steering Committee, and one member to be
20 appointed by the Chairman of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

21 Ex officio members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Other members shall
22 be appointed for a term of two years and shall be eligible for reappointment

23 C. The Council shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman annually from among its membership.
24 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Council shall meet biannually and at such
25 other times as may be called by the chairman or a majority of the Council.

26 §2.2-2699. Powers and duties of the Council.

27 The Council shall have the power and duty to:

28 1. Advise the Governor on funding priorities for modeling and simulation programs at the
29 Commonwealth's institutions of higher education.

30 2. Develop policy initiatives and advise the Governor on strategies to promote the modeling and
31 simulation industry in the Commonwealth.

32 3. Advise the Virginia Economic Development Partnership regarding (i) attracting new modeling
33 and simulation businesses to the Commonwealth and (ii) assisting the development of the
34 Commonwealth's existing modeling and simualtion industry.

35 4. Develop recommendations in conjunction with the Virginia Economic Development
36 Partnership on how to market the Commonwealth's modeling and simulation capabilities to all
37 businesses and industries, especially those not fully utilizing modeling and simulation applications.

38 5. Develop recommendations that will assist in making Virginia a national leader in the modeling
39 and simualtion industry.

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