

Honorable Delegates

Please against for SB1084.

The bill states that the Governor should choose 10 community representatives of State or local nonprofit organizations for deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing individuals in the State or the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area (Does that mean people from Virginia can be on this State Committee?).

One would think that having this community submit candidates for the Governor to select would ensure that they would submit the best qualified regardless of geography, race or gender.

However the bill could prevent the Governor from selecting the 10 best representatives because of the following passage

(2) To the extent practicable, when appointing members to the Workgroup, the Governor shall ensure geographic balance and promote racial and gender diversity in the Workgroup's membership.

Why must everything in government be about racial and gender diversity?

It would be unfortunate that the 10 best candidates are not selected just because the group would not meet certain quotas.

Unless this restriction is removed from the bill, please vote against HB1084.

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