

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

## CHAPTER 75

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 63.2-226 and 63.2-227 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 63.2-223, 63.2-224, 63.2-225, and 63.2-228 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the abolishment of the Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council and its Technical Assistance Committee.*

[H 2187]

Approved March 16, 2003

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

**1. That §§ 63.2-226 and 63.2-227 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted, as follows:**

§ 63.2-226. Duties of Department.

The Department shall assume administrative responsibilities for the statewide system ~~in conformance with standards and policies recommended by the Council.~~ In this capacity, the Department shall establish an office to:

- ~~1. Provide staff support to the Council;~~
- ~~2 1. Develop a plan for the design and implementation of a statewide human services information and referral program conforming to the standards and policies recommended by the Council and submit the plan to the Council for review;~~
- ~~3 2. Coordinate and supervise the implementation and operation of the information and referral program;~~
- ~~4 3. Coordinate funding for the system;~~
- ~~5 4. Select regional providers of information and referral services;~~
- ~~6 5. Supervise coordination of information management among information and referral regions across the Commonwealth;~~
- ~~7 6. Encourage effective relationships between the system and state and local agencies and public and private organizations;~~
- ~~8 7. Develop and implement a statewide publicity effort;~~
- ~~9 8. Provide training, technical assistance, research, and consultation for regional and local information and referral centers, and to localities interested in developing information and referral services;~~
- ~~10 9. Determine a core level of services to be funded from state government resources;~~
- ~~11 10. Coordinate standardization of resource data collection, maintenance and dissemination;~~
- ~~12 11. Stimulate and encourage the availability of statewide information and referral services; and~~
- ~~13 12. Develop and implement a program for monitoring and assessing the performance and success of the information and referral program and present an annual report to the Council evaluating the effectiveness of the system.~~

§ 63.2-227. Regional providers; duties.

There shall be established a regional system of providers of information and referral services. ~~The Council shall define the boundaries of the regions, and the Department shall select the regional providers according to standards and policies established by the Council.~~

The regional providers shall:

1. Collect, maintain and disseminate resource data;
2. Provide citizen access to information about resources throughout the Commonwealth;
3. Assist in planning functions by providing selected data to the Department on a regular basis;
4. Provide data to public and private agencies other than the Department on a contractual basis;
5. Cooperate with the state administering agency;
6. Seek funds from available sources;
7. Maintain effective relationships between the system and state and local agencies and public and private organizations; and
8. When feasible and appropriate and within the limits of available funds, establish satellite offices or develop cooperative agreements with local information and referral groups and resource and referral groups that can assist the regional providers in performing their duties and responsibilities.

**2. That §§ 63.2-223, 63.2-224, 63.2-225, and 63.2-228 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.**