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A BILL to amend and reenact § 2.2-2010 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the powers of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency.

Patrons—Rust; Senator: Stosch

Referred to Committee on Science and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 2.2-2010 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.2-2010. Additional powers of VITA.

VITA shall have the following additional powers which, with the approval of the CIO, may be exercised by a division of VITA with respect to matters assigned to that division:

1. Prescribe regulations necessary or incidental to the performance of duties or execution of powers conferred under this chapter.

2. Plan and forecast future needs for information technology and conduct studies and surveys of organizational structures and best management practices of information technology systems and procedures.

3. Assist state agencies and public institutions of higher education in the development of information management plans and the preparation of budget requests for information technology that are consistent with the policies and procedures developed pursuant to § 2.2-2007.

4. Develop and adopt policies, standards, and guidelines for managing information technology by state agencies and institutions.

5. Develop and adopt policies, standards, and guidelines for the procurement of information technology and telecommunications goods and services of every description for state agencies.

6. Direct the establishment of statewide standards for the efficient exchange of electronic information and technology, including infrastructure, between the public and private sectors in the Commonwealth.

7. Direct the compilation and maintenance of an inventory of information technology, including, but not limited to, personnel, facilities, equipment, goods, and contracts for services.

8. Develop statewide technical and data standards for information technology and related systems to promote efficiency and uniformity.

9. Evaluate the needs of agencies in the Commonwealth with regard to (i) a consistent, reliable, and secure information technology infrastructure, (ii) existing capabilities with regard to building and supporting that infrastructure, and (iii) recommended approaches to ensure the future development, maintenance, and financing of an information technology infrastructure befitting the needs of state agencies and the service level requirements of its citizens.

10. Establish fee schedules that shall be collectible from users when general fund appropriations are not applicable to the services rendered.

11. Provide for the centralized marketing, provision, leasing, and executing of license agreements for electronic access to public information and government services through the Internet, wireless devices, personal digital assistants, kiosks, or other such related media on terms and conditions as may be determined to be in the best interest of the Commonwealth. VITA may fix and collect fees and charges for (i) public information, media, and other incidental services furnished by it to any private individual or entity, notwithstanding the charges set forth in § 2.2-3704 and (ii) such use and services it provides to any state agency or local government. Nothing in this subdivision authorizing VITA to fix and collect fees for providing information services shall be construed to prevent access to the public records of any public body pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.). *VITA is authorized, subject to approval by the Secretary of Technology, to delegate the powers and responsibilities granted in this subdivision to any agency within the executive branch.*

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