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SENATE BILL NO. 231 Offered January 13, 2010

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 6.6, as amended, of Chapter 12 of the Acts of Assembly of 1987, which provided a charter for the County of Chesterfield, relating to duties of commissioner of revenue, county administrator.

## Patron—Watkins

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 6.6, as amended, of Chapter 12 of the Acts of Assembly of 1987 is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 6.6. Department of budget and management and department of accounting.

The county treasurer, the commissioner of revenue, the director of budget and management and the director of accounting shall collectively be responsible for carrying out the fiscal and financial affairs of the county as defined by the board of supervisors and the Code of Virginia. The treasurer shall be the custodian of all public moneys of the county and shall have such powers and duties as are provided by the Constitution and general law. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board not inconsistent with his responsibilities under the Constitution and general laws of the Commonwealth.

The commissioner of revenue shall perform such duties regarding the assessment of property and licenses and the collection of other taxes as provided by the Constitution and general laws of the Commonwealth. The county administrator, or his designee, to the extent that such person is administering the financial affairs of the county, including budgeting, shall have the same authority as the commissioner of revenue to access, review, receive, and copy tax information. For purposes of this section, "tax information" means tax and revenue data, reports and other information (i) received by the commissioner of revenue from the state tax commissioner or the state tax department, and (ii) which the commissioner of revenue makes available to the state tax commissioner or the state tax department. The county administrator, or his designee, shall not disclose tax information to any other person except as permitted by § 58.1-3 of the Code of Virginia and shall ensure that reports published or documents produced in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act do not contain any information about specific taxpayers protected by state law. HeThe commissioner of revenue shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board not inconsistent with his responsibilities under the Constitution and general laws of the Commonwealth.

The director of budget and management shall perform such budgeting and financial responsibilities as are required by the Code of the County of Chesterfield, 1978, as amended, and as directed by the county administrator, so long as such responsibilities are not in conflict with general law.

The director of accounting shall perform such accounting and financial responsibilities as are required by the Code of the County of Chesterfield, 1978, as amended, and as directed by the county administrator, so long as such responsibilities are not in conflict with general law.

The county treasurer, commissioner of revenue, director of budget and management, the director of accounting, and the director of economic development shall meet periodically but not less than four times a year to coordinate the financial needs of the county and each such officer shall cooperate fully with the other fiscal officers to efficiently and effectively perform the duties placed on such officer.