

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to facilitate access to operational data and information of state agencies for use by the public*
3 *and the standing committees of the General Assembly to promote the effectiveness and efficiency of*
4 *state government.*

5 [H 2378]

6 Approved

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

8 1. § 1. *The Secretaries of Administration, Finance, and Technology shall jointly establish a work group*
9 *to provide the public, the Chairmen of each standing committee of the General Assembly or their*
10 *designees, and a designated staff member of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate*
11 *Committee on Finance with access to data and information pertaining to the operation of state agencies*
12 *within the subject matter jurisdiction of each standing committees. Access shall be by electronic means*
13 *to the extent possible, as determined by the work group, taking into account security and privacy*
14 *restrictions. Where it is not currently feasible to provide such access by electronic means due to the*
15 *costs or technological considerations, the provision of such data or documentation may be made*
16 *available by hard copy, provided, however, that in the latter case, the work group shall prepare written*
17 *documentation on alternative approaches and costs to modify systems so that relevant data may be*
18 *accessed in an electronic fashion on an ongoing basis, if desired.*

19 *Such electronic access shall include the following data and information:*

- 20 1. *Any agency mission statement;*
21 2. *The current agency budget;*
22 3. *The total number of full-time and part-time employees at the agency;*
23 4. *The current cash balance of the agency;*
24 5. *All sources of state or federal funding received by the agency, preferably over the immediately*
25 *preceding five years, and the amount thereof;*
26 6. *Any grant awarded by the agency and the amount thereof; and*
27 7. *Any contracts in excess of \$10,000 awarded by the agency and the cost thereof.*
28 § 2. *The Secretaries of Administration, Finance, and Technology shall ensure that the work group*
29 *makes substantial progress toward accessing the information and data required by § 1 on or before*
30 *November 1, 2015, and identify possible future steps to further facilitate electronic access to such data.*