

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-703 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal § 63.2-619 of the Code*
3 *of Virginia, relating to obsolete reporting requirements.*

4 [H 559]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 63.2-703 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 63.2-703. Faith-based and community initiatives; responsibilities of Department.**

9 A. The General Assembly finds that faith-based, volunteer, private and community organizations
10 make significant contributions to the welfare of our society and constitute an underutilized and
11 underrepresented reservoir of assistance for social programs, and special efforts to increase utilization of
12 faith-based, volunteer, private and community organizations will enhance the Commonwealth's ability to
13 carry out human welfare programs. To carry out these initiatives, the Department of Social Services
14 shall have the following responsibilities:

15 1. Lead and facilitate meetings as necessary, with faith-based, volunteer, private and community
16 organizations for the purpose of sharing information to help carry out human welfare programs in
17 Virginia;

18 2. Encourage conferences and meetings at the community level for faith-based, volunteer, private and
19 community organizations, as needed;

20 3. Provide procurement and funding information to faith-based, volunteer, private and community
21 organizations, as needed;

22 4. Provide information regarding faith-based and community initiatives and other information the
23 Department may deem appropriate, to faith-based, volunteer, private and community organizations, and
24 other state agencies whose missions may be enhanced by increased awareness of such initiatives and
25 information;

26 5. Encourage the development and maintenance of a statewide network of local liaisons to assist in
27 the dissemination of information and assistance;

28 6. Develop a statewide list of available faith-based, volunteer, private and community organizations.
29 Such statewide list shall be made available to the public through the Department's website;

30 7. Obtain information concerning faith-based, volunteer, private and community organizations in
31 other states;

32 8. Coordinate offers of assistance from faith-based organizations during natural disasters; *and*

33 9. ~~Make regular reports to the Governor and General Assembly on the fulfillment of the~~
34 ~~Department's responsibilities related to faith-based and community initiatives; and~~

35 ~~10. Perform such other duties as the Department deems appropriate.~~

36 B. Nothing in this section shall imply or be inferred to mean that additional federal or state funds
37 will be available for these purposes or that contractual preferences will be given to such organizations
38 other than past or potential performance standards utilized under the Virginia Public Procurement Act
39 (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.).

40 **2. That § 63.2-619 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.**

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