

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-203.2:4 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia*
 3 *by adding in Chapter 25 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 13, consisting of sections numbered*
 4 *2.2-2558 through 2.2-2564, relating to data governance; Office of Data Governance and Analytics;*
 5 *Chief Data Officer; Virginia Data Commission; report.*

6 [S 1365]

7 Approved

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

9 **1. That § 2.2-203.2:4 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and the Code of Virginia**
 10 **is amended by adding in Chapter 25 of Title 2.2 an article numbered 13, consisting of sections**
 11 **numbered 2.2-2558 through 2.2-2564 as follows:**

12 **§ 2.2-203.2:4. Office of Data Governance and Analytics; Chief Data Officer; creation; report.**

13 A. As used in this section, "~~open~~ unless the context requires a different meaning:

14 "Board" means the Executive Data Board.

15 "CDO" means the Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth.

16 "Commonwealth Data Trust" means a secure, multi-stakeholder data exchange and analytics platform
 17 with common rules for data security, privacy, and confidentiality. The Commonwealth Data Trust shall
 18 include data from state, regional, and local governments, from public institutions of higher education,
 19 and from any other sources deemed necessary and appropriate.

20 "Council" means the Data Governance Council.

21 "Group" means the Data Stewards Group.

22 "Office" means the Office of Data Governance and Analytics.

23 "Open data" means data that is collected by an agency that is not prohibited from being made
 24 available to the public by applicable laws or regulations or other restrictions, requirements, or rights
 25 associated with such data.

26 B. There is created in the Office of the Secretary of Administration the ~~position~~ Office of Chief Data
 27 ~~Officer of the Commonwealth~~ Governance and Analytics to ~~coordinate~~ foster and oversee the effective
 28 sharing of data among state, regional, and local public entities and public institutions of higher education
 29 ~~and to~~, implement effective data governance strategies to maintain data integrity and security, and
 30 promote access to ~~open~~ Commonwealth data. The purpose of the Office shall be to (i) improve
 31 compliance with the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.);
 32 (ii) increase access to and sharing of Commonwealth data, including open data, between state, regional
 33 and local public entities and public institutions of higher education across all levels of government; (iii)
 34 Increase the use of data and data analytics to improve the efficiency and efficacy of government services
 35 and improve stakeholder outcomes; and (iv) establish the Commonwealth as a national leader in
 36 data-driven policy, evidence-based decision making, and outcome-based performance management.

37 C. The Office shall have the following powers and duties:

38 1. To support the collection, dissemination, analysis, and proper use of data by state agencies and
 39 public entities as defined in the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act
 40 (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.);

41 2. To facilitate and guide data-sharing efforts between state, regional, and local public entities and
 42 public institutions of higher education;

43 3. To develop innovative data analysis and intelligence methodologies and best practices to promote
 44 data-driven policy making, decision making, research, and analysis;

45 4. To manage and administer the Commonwealth Data Trust;

46 5. To assist the Chief Data Officer and the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth in the
 47 development of a comprehensive six-year Commonwealth strategic plan for information technology;

48 6. In cooperation with the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth, to provide technical
 49 assistance to state agencies, local governments, and regional entities to establish and promote data
 50 sharing and analytics projects including data storage, data security, privacy, compliance with federal
 51 law, the de-identification of data for research purposes, and the appropriate access to and presentation
 52 of open data and datasets to the public;

53 7. To develop measures and targets related to the performance of the Commonwealth's data
 54 governance, sharing, analytics, and intelligence program;

55 8. To undertake, identify, coordinate, and oversee studies linking government services to stakeholder
 56 outcomes;

57 9. To implement a website dedicated to (i) hosting open data from state, regional, and local public
58 entities and public institutions of higher education and (ii) providing links to any other additional open
59 data websites in the Commonwealth;

60 10. To provide staff and operational support to the Virginia Data Commission, Executive Data
61 Board, Data Governance Council, and Data Stewards Group;

62 11. To apply for and accept grants from the United States government and agencies and
63 instrumentalities thereof and any other source. To those ends, the Office shall have the power to comply
64 with such conditions and execute such agreements as may be necessary or desirable;

65 12. To solicit, receive, and consider proposals for funding projects or initiatives from any state or
66 federal agency, local or regional government, public institution of higher education, nonprofit
67 organization, or private person or corporation;

68 13. To enter into public-private partnerships and agreements with public institutions of higher
69 education in the Commonwealth to conduct data sharing and analytics projects;

70 14. To solicit and accept funds, goods, and in-kind services that are part of any accepted project
71 proposal;

72 15. To establish ad hoc committees or project teams to investigate related technology or technical
73 issues and provide results and recommendations for Office action; and

74 16. To establish such bureaus, sections, or units as the Office deems appropriate to carry out its
75 goals and responsibilities.

76 C. D. There is created in the Office of the Secretary of Administration the position of Chief Data
77 Officer of the Commonwealth to oversee the operation of the Office. The CDO shall exercise and
78 perform the duties conferred or imposed upon him by law and perform such other duties as may be
79 required by the Governor and the Secretary of Administration. The Chief Data Officer shall not be
80 considered the custodian of any public records in or derived from the Commonwealth Data Trust. The
81 Chief Data Officer CDO shall:

82 1. Establish business rules, guidelines, and best practices for the use of data, including open data, in
83 the Commonwealth. Such rules, guidelines, and best practices shall address, at a minimum, (i) the
84 sharing of data between state, regional, and local public entities and public institutions of higher
85 education, and, when appropriate, private entities; (ii) data storage; (iii) data security; (iv) privacy; (v)
86 compliance with federal law; (vi) the de-identification of data for research purposes; and (vii) the
87 appropriate access to and presentation of open data and datasets to the public;

88 2. Assist state, regional, and local public entities, public institutions of higher education, and
89 employees thereof, with the application of the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices
90 Act (§ 2.2-3800 et. seq.) and understanding the applicability of federal laws governing privacy and
91 access to data to the data sharing practices of the Commonwealth;

92 3. Assist the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth with matters related to the creation,
93 storage, and dissemination of data upon request;

94 4. Encourage and coordinate efforts of state, regional, and local public entities and public institutions
95 of higher education to access and share data, including open data, across all levels of government in an
96 effort to improve the efficiency and efficacy of services, improve outcomes, and promote data-driven
97 policy making, decision making, research, and analysis; and

98 5. Oversee the implementation of a website dedicated to (i) hosting open data from state, regional,
99 and local public entities and public institutions of higher education and (ii) providing links to any other
100 additional open data websites in the Commonwealth;

101 6. Enter into contracts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section;

102 7. Rent office space and procure equipment, goods, and services necessary to carry out the
103 provisions of this section; and

104 8. Report on the activities of the Office, the Commonwealth Data Trust, and the Virginia Data
105 Commission established pursuant to Article 13 (§ 2.2-2558 et seq.) of Chapter 25 annually by December
106 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly.

107 E. The Commonwealth Data Trust shall be governed by a multi-level governance structure as
108 follows:

109 1. The Executive Data Board shall consist of the directors or chief executives, or their designees, of
110 executive branch agencies engaged in data sharing and analytics projects with the Commonwealth Data
111 Trust. The CDO shall chair the Board. Members of the Board shall (i) translate the Commonwealth's
112 data-driven policy goals and objectives into performance targets at their respective agencies; (ii)
113 allocate appropriate resources at their respective agencies to support data governance, sharing, and
114 analytics initiatives; and (iii) provide any reports to the Office regarding their respective agencies' data
115 analytics work and implementation of recommendations.

116 2. The Data Governance Council shall consist of employees of the agencies represented on the
117 Board, selected by the Board members from their respective agencies. The CDO, or his designee, shall

118 chair the Council. The Council shall (i) liaise between state agency operations and the CDO; (ii) advise
 119 the CDO on data technology, policy, and governance structure; (iii) administer data governance
 120 policies, standards, and best practices, as set by the Board; (iv) oversee data sharing and analytics
 121 projects; (v) review open data assets prior to publication; (vi) provide to the Board any reports on the
 122 Council's recommendations and work as required by the Board; (vii) develop necessary privacy and
 123 ethical standards and policies for Commonwealth Data Trust resources; (viii) monitor the sharing of
 124 Commonwealth Data Trust Member-Contributed data resources; (ix) review and approve new
 125 Commonwealth Data Trust-managed data resources; and (x) conduct any other business the CDO deems
 126 necessary for Commonwealth Data Trust governance.

127 3. The Data Stewards Group shall consist of employees from executive branch agencies with
 128 technical experience in data management or data analytics. Executive branch agencies shall be
 129 encouraged to designate at least one agency data steward to serve on the Group and may designate
 130 multiple data stewards as appropriate based upon organizational or data system responsibilities. The
 131 Group shall (i) provide the Board and Council with technical subject matter expertise in support of data
 132 policies, standards, and best practices; (ii) implement data sharing and analytics projects promoting
 133 data accessibility, sharing, and reuse, thereby reducing redundancy across the Commonwealth; (iii)
 134 coordinate and resolve technical stewardship issues for standardized data; (iv) ensure data quality
 135 processes and standards are implemented consistently by agencies in the Commonwealth; (v) provide
 136 communication and education to data users on the appropriate use, sharing, and protection of the
 137 Commonwealth's data assets; (vi) promote the collection and sharing of metadata by registering data
 138 assets in the Virginia Data Catalog; (vii) liaise with agency project managers and information
 139 technology investment staff to ensure adherence to Commonwealth data standards and data sharing
 140 requirements; and (viii) support informed, data-driven decision making through compliance with
 141 Commonwealth data policies, standards, and best practices.

142 F. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Office shall coordinate and collaborate with, to
 143 the fullest extent authorized by federal law and notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, all
 144 agencies set forth in subsection A of § 2.2-212 and subsection A of § 2.2-221; any other state, regional,
 145 and local public bodies, including community services boards; local law-enforcement agencies; any
 146 health and human services-related entity of a political subdivision that receives state funds; public
 147 institutions of higher education; and, when appropriate, private entities.

148 G. The Office shall be considered an agent of any state agency in the executive branch of
 149 government that shares information or data with the office, and shall be an authorized recipient of
 150 information under any statutory or administrative law governing the information or data. Interagency
 151 data shared pursuant to this section shall not constitute a disclosure or release of information or data
 152 under any statutory or administrative law governing the information or data.

Article 13.

Virginia Data Advisory Commission.

154 § 2.2-2558. Virginia Data Advisory Commission; purpose.

155 The Virginia Data Advisory Commission (the Commission) is established as an advisory Commission
 156 in the executive branch of state government. The Commission shall advise the Office of Data
 157 Governance and Analytics (the Office), established pursuant to § 2.2-203.2:4, on issues related to data
 158 sharing, including open data, data analytics, and data governance. The Commission shall (i) set, plan,
 159 and prioritize data sharing performance goals for the Commonwealth, (ii) review agency
 160 accomplishments, and (iii) recommend solutions that will establish the Commonwealth as a national
 161 leader in data-driven policy, evidence-based decision making, and outcome-based performance
 162 management.
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164 § 2.2-2559. Membership; terms; vacancies; chairman and vice-chairman.

165 A. The Commission shall have a total membership of 27 members that shall consist of six legislative
 166 members, seven nonlegislative citizen members, and 14 ex officio members. Members shall be appointed
 167 as follows: three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; three
 168 members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in
 169 accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of
 170 Delegates; and seven nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. The Executive
 171 Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Chief Workforce Advisor to the Governor, the Chief
 172 Data Officer of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Administration, the Secretary of Health and Human
 173 Resources, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Secretary of Finance, the
 174 Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Secretary of Natural
 175 Resources, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Veterans
 176 and Defense Affairs, and the Secretary of Transportation, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with
 177 voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor shall represent the seven
 178 geographic areas of the Commonwealth. Of the nonlegislative citizen members, at least one shall

179 represent a baccalaureate public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth, at least one shall
 180 be an elected official representing a local government in the Commonwealth, and at least one shall
 181 represent a private business with expertise and experience in the establishment, operation, and
 182 maintenance of a data intelligence platform.

183 B. Each nonlegislative citizen member may designate a representative of his organization as an
 184 alternate. Each alternate may attend meetings in place of the appointed member and shall be counted as
 185 a member of the Commission for purposes of establishing a quorum. Nonlegislative citizen members of
 186 the Commission, and their alternates, shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

187 C. Legislative members and ex officio members of the Commission shall serve terms coincident with
 188 their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the
 189 unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All
 190 members may be reappointed. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall
 191 be appointed for a term of four years. No Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive
 192 four-year terms, no House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, and no
 193 nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of
 194 any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the
 195 member's eligibility for reappointment.

196 D. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership.

197 E. Any members of the Commission who represent private businesses that provide data-related
 198 products and services, and such private businesses that the members represents, are precluded from
 199 contracting to provide goods or services to the Office of Data Governance and Analytics.

200 **§ 2.2-2560. Quorum; meetings.**

201 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall meet at least biennially
 202 or at the call of the chairman or the Chief Data Officer.

203 **§ 2.2-2561. Compensation; expenses.**

204 Legislative members of the Commission shall receive such compensation as provided in § 30-19.12.
 205 Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve without compensation. All members shall be reimbursed for
 206 all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in
 207 §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be
 208 provided by the Office of Data Governance and Analytics.

209 **§ 2.2-2562. Powers and duties of the Commission.**

210 The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

211 1. Promote and facilitate, subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, the
 212 secure and appropriate sharing and use of data assets in the Commonwealth in support of data-driven
 213 policy making, research, analysis, study, and economic development;

214 2. Maximize the value and utility of Commonwealth data-related investments and assets;

215 3. Promote increased data sharing between state agencies and localities that provides tangible
 216 operational improvements in assisting state agencies and localities to fulfill their missions in a more
 217 coordinated, cost-efficient manner;

218 4. Leverage government data, using appropriate security and privacy standards, to support
 219 evidence-based policy making that addresses high-priority public policy issues;

220 5. Provide for public access to certain data assets, where lawful and appropriate, to enhance
 221 research, innovation, and insight; and

222 6. Make any other recommendations deemed necessary related to performance goals and objectives
 223 to require engagement from organizations across the Commonwealth.

224 **§ 2.2-2563. Staffing.**

225 The Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth, or his designee, shall provide staff support to the
 226 Commission. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon
 227 request.

228 **§ 2.2-2564. Sunset.**

229 This article shall expire on July 1, 2024.

230 2. That the initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members by the Governor shall be
 231 staggered as follows: three members for a term of two years, two members for a term of three
 232 years, and two members for a term of four years.

233 3. That the provisions of this act amending § 2.2-203.2:4 of the Code of Virginia shall expire on
 234 July 1, 2023.

235 4. That the Virginia Data Advisory Commission (the Commission) established by this act shall, in
 236 addition to any other powers and duties, review and evaluate the structure and organization of the
 237 Office of Data Governance and Analytics (the Office). Such review and evaluation shall include (i)
 238 a review of the long-term funding of the Office and the development of recommendations, if
 239 necessary, for a financing or fee structure for services provided by the Office and (ii) the

240 development of recommendations for the permanent structure for such Office including a
241 recommendation as to the appropriate place for the Office within the executive branch of
242 government. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and
243 the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance
244 and Appropriations no later than November 1, 2022.

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