

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to provide for the operation of the local health department of the City of Alexandria.*

3 [S 1344]

4 Approved

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

6 **1.** § 1. *Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the local governing body of the City*
7 *of Alexandria (the City) may enter into a contract with the State Board of Health (the Board) to provide*
8 *local health services in the City. If the local governing body enters into a contract with the Board*
9 *pursuant to this act, the local governing body shall not eliminate any service required by law or reduce*
10 *the level of service below that required by law. In addition, the local governing body shall not eliminate*
11 *or reduce the level of any service currently delivered in connection with the Commonwealth's program*
12 *of medical assistance.*

13 *Any contract executed between the local governing body and the Board shall set forth the rights and*
14 *responsibilities of the local governing body for the delivery of health services and shall require that the*
15 *local director of health services be appointed by the City in accordance with local procedures, with the*
16 *concurrence of the State Health Commissioner. The local health director of health services shall be*
17 *employed full time as an employee of the City and shall be responsible for directing all state-mandated*
18 *public health programs. All employees of the local health department operated by the City shall be*
19 *employees of the City.*

20 *The City shall operate the local health department, pursuant to the terms of the contract, with such*
21 *local appropriations and any state funds as may be made available to it, pursuant to the general*
22 *appropriation act. State funds for the operation of health services and facilities shall continue to be*
23 *allocated to the City as if such services were provided in the City without such a contract.*

24 *The City shall maintain and submit such financial and statistical records as may be required by the*
25 *Board.*

26 *Upon entering into a contract with the Board pursuant to this act, the City shall be the sole owner*
27 *of all equipment and supplies, including all equipment and supplies used by the local health department*
28 *at the time of execution of the contract, that were or are purchased for providing public health services,*
29 *regardless of the source of the funds for such purchases.*

30 *Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person who is transferred from state*
31 *to local employment in accordance with a contract authorized by this act, and who is a member of the*
32 *Virginia Retirement System at the time of the transfer, shall continue to be a member of the Virginia*
33 *Retirement System during the period of local employment.*

34 *The power to contract conferred by this act shall not be deemed to confer any additional authority to*
35 *impose fees for local health services upon the City.*

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