

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 500

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-51.33 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the agencies for which the Secretary of Finance is responsible.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-51.33 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-51.33. Subject to supervision by Governor; powers and duties.

A. The Secretary of Finance shall be subject to direction and supervision by the Governor.

The agencies assigned to the Secretary shall:

1. Exercise their respective powers and duties in accordance with the general policy established by the Governor or by the Secretary acting on behalf of the Governor;

2. Provide such assistance to the Governor or the Secretary as may be required; ~~and~~

3. Forward all reports to the Governor through the Secretary; *and*

4. *To the greatest extent practicable, pay all amounts due and owing by the Commonwealth through electronic transfers of funds from the general fund or appropriate special fund to the bank account of the payee or a party identified by law to receive funds on behalf of the payee. All wire transfer costs associated with the electronic transfer shall be paid by the payee subject to exemptions authorized by the State Treasurer affecting the investment, debt, and intergovernmental transactions of the Commonwealth and its agencies, institutions, boards, and authorities.*

B. Unless the Governor expressly reserves such power to himself, the Secretary is empowered to:

1. Resolve administrative, jurisdictional, operational, program, or policy conflicts between agencies or officials assigned;

2. Direct the formulation of a comprehensive program budget for the functional area identified in § 2.1-398 encompassing the services of the agencies assigned for consideration by the Governor;

3. Hold agency heads accountable for their administrative, fiscal and program actions in the conduct of the respective powers and duties of the agencies;

4. Direct the development of goals, objectives, policies and plans that are necessary to the effective and efficient operation of government;

5. Sign documents on behalf of the Governor which originate with agencies assigned to the Secretary; and

6. Employ such personnel and to contract for such consulting services as may be required to perform the powers and duties conferred upon the Secretary by statute or executive order.