

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 793

An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-51.14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources' responsibilities for long-term care coordination.

[S 464]

Approved April 22, 1998

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2.1-51.14 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-51.14. Subject to supervision by Governor; powers and duties.

A. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources 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.

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 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; *and*

7. *Coordinate the work of state agencies to implement the long-term care policy of the Commonwealth.*