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SENATE BILL NO. 464

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on General Laws

on January 28, 1998)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Woods)

A BILL 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.

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;.

7. *Coordinate the work of state agencies to implement the long-term care policy of the Commonwealth as expressed by the General Assembly; and*

8. *Develop and update annually, in consultation with the Department for the Aging and other appropriate entities, a five-year plan for financing long-term care services for the elderly and frail elderly in the Commonwealth.*

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