

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 961

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-604.2, relating to energy efficiency in state buildings.

[S 963]

Approved April 9, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-604.2 as follows:

§ 2.2-604.2. Designation of officials; energy manager.

A. The head of each state agency shall designate an existing employee, known as an energy manager, who shall be responsible for implementing improvements to state buildings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency and climate change resiliency.

B. The energy manager shall:

1. Maintain a list of the facilities owned and leased by his agency, including buildings and interior spaces. Such list shall indicate energy usage and any prior energy audit or energy saving performance contract.

2. Enter energy and water consumption and building-related information into the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager account for any building or facility over 5,000 square feet, beginning with the largest facilities not yet accounted for, as follows:

- a. By January 1, 2021, five percent of agency facilities;*
- b. By January 1, 2022, 20 percent of agency facilities;*
- c. By January 1, 2023, 45 percent of agency facilities;*
- d. By January 1, 2024, 70 percent of agency facilities; and*
- e. By January 1, 2025, 100 percent of agency facilities.*

3. By January 1, 2021, or as each utility account is established, whichever is later, coordinate with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) to link utility accounts to the state portfolio master account and to provide to DMME access to such ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager account.

4. On an ongoing basis, identify priority buildings and spaces for energy audits or energy saving performance contracts. In determining priorities, the energy manager may consider how energy usage may be reduced and the feasibility of installing energy saving or on-site renewable energy systems.

5. Provide to DMME the priority building list on an annual basis.