

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.2-602 of the Code of Virginia, relating to duties of agencies and their*
3 *appointing authorities; diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic plans.*

4 [H 1993]

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.2-602 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 2.2-602. Duties of agencies and their appointing authorities; establishment of personnel**
9 **standards; diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic plans.**10 A. The heads of state agencies shall be the appointing authorities of the respective agencies, and shall
11 establish and maintain within their agencies methods of administration relating to the establishment and
12 maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis that are approved by the Governor for the proper
13 and efficient enforcement of the Virginia Personnel Act (§ 2.2-2900 et seq.). But the Governor shall
14 exercise no authority with respect to the selection or tenure of office of any individual employed in
15 accordance with such methods, except when the Governor is the appointing authority.16 Appointing authorities may assign to the personnel officers or to other officers and employees of
17 their agencies such personnel duties as they see fit.18 Agencies shall establish and maintain rosters of their employees that shall set forth, as to each
19 employee, the class title, pay, and status and such other data as they may deem desirable to produce
20 significant facts pertaining to personnel administration.21 Agencies shall establish and maintain such promotion and employment lists, rated according to merit
22 and fitness, as they deem desirable. Agencies may make use of the employment list kept by the
23 Department of Human Resource Management in lieu of keeping employment lists for their agencies.24 Agencies shall supply the Governor with any information he deems necessary for the performance of
25 his duties in connection with the administration of Virginia Personnel Act (§ 2.2-2900 et seq.).26 *B. The heads of state agencies shall establish and maintain a comprehensive diversity, equity, and*
27 *inclusion strategic plan in coordination with the Governor's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.*28 *The plan shall integrate the diversity, equity, and inclusion goals into the agency's mission,*
29 *operations, programs, and infrastructure to enhance equitable opportunities for the populations served*
30 *by the agency and to foster an increasingly diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace environment.*31 *The plan shall include best practices that (i) proactively address potential barriers to equal*
32 *employment opportunities pursuant to federal and state equal employment opportunity laws; (ii) foster*
33 *pay equity pursuant to federal and state equal pay laws; (iii) promote diversity and equity in hiring,*
34 *promotion, retention, succession planning, and agency leadership opportunities; and (iv) promote*
35 *employee engagement and inclusivity in the workplace.*36 *Each agency shall establish an infrastructure to effectively support ongoing progress and*
37 *accountability in achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion goals in coordination with the Governor's*
38 *Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.*39 *Each agency shall submit an annual report to the Governor assessing the impact of the strategic*
40 *plan on the populations served by the agency and on the agency's workforce and budget.*

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