

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2010 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 828

An Act to provide for an operational and programmatic performance review of certain public agencies.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The Governor shall initiate on July 1, 2010, an operational and programmatic performance review of the state agencies and programs identified in § 2, which review shall be concluded by December 1, 2011. The purpose of this review shall be to provide an objective and independent cost savings assessment of the Commonwealth's organizational structure and its programs in order to provide information to the Governor and the General Assembly to effect savings in expenditures, a reduction in duplication of effort, and programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government. The review shall be conducted by a United States-based private management consulting firm with experience in conducting statewide performance reviews.*

§ 2. *The review shall focus on (i) the agencies under the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Public Safety, (ii) the Department of Education, including primary and secondary education funded by the Commonwealth, and (iii) any other department, agency, or program of the Commonwealth in the executive branch of state government that the Governor deems necessary to effect savings in expenditures, a reduction in duplication of effort, and programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government.*

§ 3. *The review shall take into consideration the results of any prior studies, audits, or reviews conducted by (i) the General Assembly, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, or the Auditor of Public Accounts; (ii) any Governor-appointed commission or like entity; and (iii) any other independent entity that addressed the structure and operation of state government, and identified monetary savings or efficiencies leading to a reduction in costs or reduced duplication of effort.*

§ 4. *The Governor shall ensure that the review is completed, and the results are reported to the General Assembly within 14 days of the completion of the review.*

The review under this act shall be conducted only pursuant to a fixed price contract, and the contract shall not provide for any payment resulting from the implementation of any recommendations of the review. Savings resulting from the recommendations that are accepted by the Governor or General Assembly shall be used first to reimburse the general fund or the applicable program or agency for the cost of the review.