

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 4.2 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-435.8, relating to workforce development; data sharing by certain agencies.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 4.2 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-435.8 as follows:

§ 2.2-435.8. Workforce program evaluations; sharing of certain data.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the agencies specified in subsection D may share data from within their respective databases solely to (i) provide the workforce program evaluation and policy analysis required by subdivision A 8 of § 2.2-435.7 and clause (i) of subdivision A 10 (i) of § 2.2-435.7 and (ii) conduct education program evaluations that require employment outcomes data to meet state and federal reporting requirements.

B. Data shared pursuant to subsection A shall not include any personal identifying information, shall be encrypted, and shall be transmitted to the Governor or his designee. Upon receipt of such data, the Governor or his designee shall re-encrypt the data to prevent any participating agency from connecting shared data sets with existing agency files. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Identifying information" means the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-186.3, and

2. "Encrypted" means the same as that term is defined in § 18.2-186.6.

C. The Governor or his designee and all agencies authorized under this section shall destroy or erase all shared data upon completion of all required evaluations and analyses. The Governor or his designee may retain a third-party entity to assist with the evaluation and analysis.

D. The databases from the following agencies relating to the specific programs identified in this subsection may be shared solely to achieve the purposes specified in subsection A:

1. Virginia Employment Commission: Unemployment Insurance, Job Service, Trade Act, and Veterans Employment Training Programs;

2. Virginia Community College System: Postsecondary Career and Technical Education, Workforce Investment Act Adult, Youth and Dislocated Worker Programs;

3. Department of Rehabilitative Services: Vocational Rehabilitation;

4. Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired: Vocational Rehabilitation;

5. Department of Education: Adult Education and Family Literacy, Special Education, and Career and Technical Education;

6. Department for the Aging: Senior Community Services Employment Program;

7. Department of Labor and Industry: Apprenticeship;

8. Department of Social Services: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare;

9. Department of Business Assistance: Virginia Jobs Investment Program;

10. Department of Correctional Education: Career and Technical Education Programs;

11. Department of Juvenile Justice: Youth Industries and Institutional Work Programs; and

12. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

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