



Proposal to Restructure VITA Statute

Working group formed to review VITA statute and recommend changes

- 2014 JLARC study found that VITA's main statutory responsibilities were not clearly defined
- Working group authorized by Appropriation Act; composed of legislative and executive staff
- Draft legislation to be presented to JLARC by November 2015

Draft legislation proposes changes to VITA chapter of the Code

- Draft legislation
 - Improves order of VITA chapter
 - Clarifies definitions
 - Eliminates redundancy
 - Codifies key responsibilities
- Proposed changes do not substantively alter VITA's responsibilities
- Options for substantive change were identified but not included in draft legislation

Changes proposed in draft legislation

- Clarify scope of VITA authority over
 - Executive branch agencies
 - Central IT services and procurement
 - IT policies, standards, and guidelines
 - IT security

Changes proposed in draft legislation (continued)

- Move several provisions and sections to improve chapter structure
 - Transfer “VITA” authorities to “the CIO”
 - Create new planning and budgeting section
 - Consolidate project oversight sections

Working group members

Lisa Wallmeyer, Division of Legislative Services

Amigo Wade, Division of Legislative Services

Karen Jackson, Secretary of Technology

Jason Powell, Senate Finance Committee staff

David Reynolds, House Appropriations Committee staff

Ashley Colvin, Virginia Information Technologies Agency

John Westrick, Office of the Attorney General

Mark Gribbin, JLARC staff