



New Laws Effective 07/01/2018

1. [§2.2-4310.2](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, expands the requirement under the Virginia Public Procurement Act that any executive branch agency's goals for participation by small businesses shall include a minimum of three percent participation by service disabled veteran-owned businesses from when such agencies are contracting only for information technology goods and services to when such agencies are contracting for ALL goods and services.
2. [§§ 2.2-4342](#) and [2.2-4343](#) of the *Code of Virginia* provides that a bidder, offeror, or contractor shall not improperly designate as trade secrets or proprietary information (i) an entire bid, proposal, or prequalification application; (ii) any portion of a bid, proposal, or prequalification application that does not contain trade secrets or proprietary information; or (iii) line item prices or total bid, proposal, or prequalification application prices. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.
3. [§§ 2.2-4011](#) and new sections numbered 2.2-2537 through 2.2-2545 of the *Code of Virginia* creates the Red Tape Reduction Commission (the Commission) to develop and maintain a state regulatory baseline of all current state regulatory requirements, with the initial baseline to be completed by January 1, 2020.
4. [§2.2-205.2](#) of the *Code of Virginia* establishes the position of Commonwealth Broadband Chief Advisor (Chief Advisor) within the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to serve as Virginia's single point of contact and integration for broadband issues, efforts, and initiatives and to increase the availability and affordability of broadband throughout all regions of the Commonwealth. In addition, this section creates the 15-member Advisory Board for the purpose of providing direction for the Chief Advisor and policy guidance to the General Assembly and the Commonwealth's localities.
5. [§2.2-4310](#) of the *Code of Virginia* provides that contracts and subcontracts awarded to service disabled veteran-owned businesses shall be credited toward the small business, women-owned, and minority-owned business contracting and subcontracting goals of state agencies and state contractors.

6. [Executive Order One \(1\)](#) specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, political affiliation, or against otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. The policy permits appropriate employment preferences for veterans and specifically prohibits discrimination against veterans.