

1 SENATE BILL NO. 484  
23 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
45 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations  
67 on February 4, 2026)  
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9 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Deeds)

10 A BILL to direct the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations  
11 Committee to convene a work group to assess the process and provide recommendations related to  
12 transitioning the Department of General Services into an independent agency of the Commonwealth  
13 pursuant to General Assembly intent.14 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**15 1. *§ 1. That the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee  
16 shall convene a work group to assess the process and provide recommendations related to the transition of  
17 the Department of General Services (the Department) from an executive branch agency to an independent  
18 agency of the Commonwealth pursuant to the intent of the General Assembly that (i) the Department  
19 transition to better serve the executive, legislative, and judicial branches, as well as independent agencies of  
20 the Commonwealth, and political subdivisions thereof, equally and (ii) such transition be finalized in the  
21 2027 Regular Session. The work group shall include the Staff Directors of the Senate Finance and  
22 Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, or their designees; the Director of the  
23 Department; the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget, or his designee; and the Director of  
24 the Division of Legislative Services, or his designee. In conducting its assessment, the work group shall  
25 evaluate and make recommendations regarding (a) statutory changes necessary to establish the Department  
26 as an independent agency of the Commonwealth; (b) appropriate governance and organizational structure  
27 of an independent department; (c) budgetary and fiscal implications, including any necessary  
28 appropriations or transfers of funds and positions necessary to effectuate such transition; (d) the existing  
29 responsibilities of the Department that need to be transferred to the Governor to oversee procurement and  
capital outlay of executive agencies; and (e) any other considerations relevant to the transition. The Senate  
Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee shall submit a joint  
report of the work group's findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no  
later than October 15, 2026.*