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SENATE BILL 5475

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By Senators Patterson, Horn, Spanel, Haugen and Costa; by request of Department of General Administration

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1 AN ACT Relating to the powers of the director of general  
2 administration; amending RCW 43.19.010; adding a new section to chapter  
3 43.19 RCW; and repealing RCW 43.19.013.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.010 and 1993 c 472 s 19 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 ~~((The department of general administration shall be organized into  
8 divisions, which shall include (1) the division of capitol buildings,  
9 (2) the division of purchasing, (3) the division of engineering and  
10 architecture, and (4) the division of motor vehicle transportation  
11 service.))~~

12 The director of general administration shall ~~((have charge and  
13 general supervision))~~ be the executive head of the department of  
14 general administration. ~~((He or she may appoint and deputize such  
15 clerical and other assistants as may be necessary for the general  
16 administration of the department.))~~ The director shall be appointed by  
17 the governor with the consent of the senate, and shall serve at the  
18 pleasure of the governor. The director ~~((of general administration))~~

1 shall receive a salary in an amount fixed by the governor in accordance  
2 with RCW 43.03.040.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The director of general administration shall supervise and  
6 administer the activities of the department of general administration  
7 and shall advise the governor and the legislature with respect to  
8 matters under the jurisdiction of the department.

9 (2) In addition to other powers and duties granted to the director,  
10 the director shall have the following powers and duties:

11 (a) Enter into contracts on behalf of the state to carry out the  
12 purposes of this chapter;

13 (b) Accept and expend gifts and grants, whether such grants be of  
14 federal or other funds;

15 (c) Appoint a deputy director and such assistant directors and  
16 special assistants as may be needed to administer the department.  
17 These employees are exempt from the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW;

18 (d) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW and perform  
19 all other functions necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of  
20 this chapter;

21 (e) Delegate powers, duties, and functions as the director deems  
22 necessary for efficient administration, but the director shall be  
23 responsible for the official acts of the officers and employees of the  
24 department; and

25 (f) Perform other duties as are necessary and consistent with law.

26 (3) The director may establish additional advisory groups as may be  
27 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

28 (4) The internal affairs of the department shall be under the  
29 control of the director in order that the director may manage the  
30 department in a flexible and intelligent manner as dictated by changing  
31 contemporary circumstances. Unless specifically limited by law, the  
32 director shall have complete charge and supervisory powers over the  
33 department. The director may create such administrative structures as  
34 the director deems appropriate, except as otherwise specified by law,  
35 and the director may employ such personnel as may be necessary in  
36 accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided by law.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    RCW 43.19.013 and 1967 c 27 s 1 are each  
2 repealed.

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