

15.106C Director — responsibilities.

1. The operations of the authority shall be administered by a director who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate, and who shall serve for a four-year term beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. An appointment by the governor to fill a vacancy in the office of the director shall be for the balance of the unexpired four-year term.

2. The director shall not, directly or indirectly, exert influence to induce any other officers or employees of the state to adopt a political view or to favor a political candidate for office. The director shall ensure that the authority is operated free from political influence.

3. The director shall advise the authority on matters relating to economic development and act on the authority's behalf to carry out all directives from the authority board in regard to the operation of the authority.

4. The director shall employ personnel as necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the authority. For nonprofessional employees, employment shall be consistent with chapter 8A, subchapter IV. The employment of professional employees shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 8A, subchapter IV, and chapter 20.

5. A person shall not be employed concurrently by both the authority and the corporation.

6. A person leaving employment with the authority shall not be employed by the corporation until a period of two years has passed. A person leaving employment with the corporation shall not be employed by the authority until a period of two years has passed.

7. *a.* The director may create organizational divisions within the authority in the manner the director deems most efficient to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the authority.

b. In structuring the authority, the director shall create a small business development division and ensure that the division focuses administrative efforts, program resources, and financial assistance awards on small businesses.

c. (1) On or before September 15, 2011, the authority shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly assessing the extent to which each of the authority's programs can be used to provide assistance to small businesses and making recommendations for legislative changes to such programs in order to better and more intensively focus economic development efforts on such small businesses. The report shall also address the extent to which the authority's programs address local economic development needs and efforts.

(2) This paragraph "c" is repealed on June 30, 2012.

2011 Acts, ch 118, §9, 87, 89

[P] Confirmation, see §2.32

[T] NEW section