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HOUSE BILL NO. 1128

House Amendments in [] — February 14, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 17.1-513.1, relating to appeals to the circuit court in cases of abuse and neglect.

Patrons—McDonnell, Suit, Tata, Wagner and Wardrup

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 17.1-513.1 as follows:

§ 17.1-513.1. Appeals from [~~the juvenile court~~ administrative proceedings] ; abuse and neglect; record to be sealed.

In cases appealed to the circuit court involving child abuse and neglect pursuant to § 63.1-248.6:1, proceedings shall be confidential and the record in the case shall be sealed. However, the court may, for good cause shown, unseal the record.

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