

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2004 SESSION

## CHAPTER 443

*An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1718 of the Code of Virginia, relating to missing child reports.*

[H 717]

Approved April 12, 2004

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 15.2-1718 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.2-1718. Receipt of missing child reports.

No police or sheriff's department shall establish or maintain any policy which requires the observance of any waiting period before accepting a missing child report as defined in § 52-32. Upon receipt of a missing child report by any police or sheriff's department, the department shall immediately, *but in all cases within two hours of receiving the report*, enter identifying and descriptive data about the child into the *Virginia Criminal Information Network and National Crime Information Center Computer Systems*, forward the report to the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse within the Department of State Police, notify all other law-enforcement agencies in the area, and initiate an investigation of the case.