

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 52-34.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Amber Alerts; secondary*  
3 *school students.*

4 [H 2410]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 52-34.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 52-34.1. Definitions.

9 As used in this chapter:

10 "Abducted child" means a child (i) whose whereabouts are unknown, (ii) who is believed to have  
11 been abducted, (iii) who is 17 years of age or younger *or is currently enrolled in a secondary school in*  
12 *the Commonwealth, regardless of age*, and (iv) whose disappearance poses a credible threat as  
13 determined by law enforcement to the safety and health of the child and under such other circumstances  
14 as deemed appropriate by the Virginia State Police.

15 "Amber Agreement" means the voluntary agreement between law-enforcement officials and members  
16 of the media whereby a child will be declared abducted, and the public will be notified, and includes all  
17 other incidental conditions of the partnership as found appropriate by the Virginia State Police.

18 "Amber Alert" means the notice of child abduction provided to the public by the media or other  
19 methods under an Amber Agreement.

20 "Amber Alert Program" or "Program" means the procedures and Amber Agreements to aid in the  
21 identification and location of abducted children.

22 "Media" means print, radio, television, and Internet-based communication systems or other methods  
23 of communicating information to the public.

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