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34 4. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.2-903 or 63.2-	817
35 or whose parent or parents for good cause desire to be relieved of his care and custody;	017
36 5. Where the termination of residual parental rights and responsibilities is sought. In such a	ases
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38 in $\frac{9}{16.1-244}$; and	
39 6. Who is charged with a traffic infraction as defined in § 46.2-100.	
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59 divested unless there is a transfer pursuant to subsection A of § 16.1-269.1.

60 The authority of the juvenile court to adjudicate matters involving the custody, visitation, support, control or disposition of a child shall not be limited to the consideration of petitions filed by a mother, 61 62 father or legal guardian but shall include petitions filed at any time by any party with a legitimate 63 interest therein. A party with a legitimate interest shall be broadly construed and shall include, but not 64 be limited to, grandparents, stepparents, former stepparents, blood relatives and family members. A party 65 with a legitimate interest shall not include any person (i) whose parental rights have been terminated by court order, either voluntarily or involuntarily, (ii) whose interest in the child derives from or through a 66 person whose parental rights have been terminated by court order, either voluntarily or involuntarily, 67 including, but not limited to, grandparents, stepparents, former stepparents, blood relatives and family 68 members, if the child subsequently has been legally adopted, except where a final order of adoption is 69 70 entered pursuant to § 63.2-1241, or (iii) who has been convicted of a violation of subsection A of 71 § 18.2-61, § 18.2-63, subsection B of § 18.2-366, or an equivalent offense of another state, the United 72 States, or any foreign jurisdiction, when the child who is the subject of the petition was conceived as a 73 result of such violation. The authority of the juvenile court to consider a petition involving the custody 74 of a child shall not be proscribed or limited where the child has previously been awarded to the custody 75 of a local board of social services.

B. The admission of minors for inpatient treatment in a mental health facility in accordance with the 76 77 provisions of Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) of this chapter and the involuntary admission of a person 78 with mental illness or judicial certification of eligibility for admission to a training center for persons 79 with mental retardation in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 1 (§ 37.2-100 et seq.) and 8 (§ 37.2-800 et seq.) of Title 37.2. Jurisdiction of the involuntary admission and certification of adults 80 81 shall be concurrent with the general district court.

C. Except as provided in subsections D and H hereof, judicial consent to such activities as may 82 83 require parental consent may be given for a child who has been separated from his parents, guardian, 84 legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and is in the custody of the court when such 85 consent is required by law.

86 D. Judicial consent for emergency surgical or medical treatment for a child who is neither married 87 nor has ever been married, when the consent of his parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person 88 standing in loco parentis is unobtainable because such parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person 89 standing in loco parentis (i) is not a resident of the Commonwealth, (ii) has his whereabouts unknown, 90 (iii) cannot be consulted with promptness, reasonable under the circumstances, or (iv) fails to give such 91 consent or provide such treatment when requested by the judge to do so.

92 E. Any person charged with deserting, abandoning or failing to provide support for any person in 93 violation of law. 94

F. Any parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis of a child:

1. Who has been abused or neglected;

96 2. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.2-903 or 63.2-1817 97 or is otherwise before the court pursuant to subdivision A 4 of this section; or

98 3. Who has been adjudicated in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, if the court 99 finds that such person has by overt act or omission induced, caused, encouraged or contributed to the 100 conduct of the child complained of in the petition.

101 G. Petitions filed by or on behalf of a child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other 102 person standing in loco parentis for the purpose of obtaining treatment, rehabilitation or other services 103 that are required by law to be provided for that child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or 104 other person standing in loco parentis. Jurisdiction in such cases shall be concurrent with and not 105 exclusive of that of courts having equity jurisdiction as provided in § 16.1-244.

H. Judicial consent to apply for a work permit for a child when such child is separated from his 106 107 parents, legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis.

108 I. The prosecution and punishment of persons charged with ill-treatment, abuse, abandonment or 109 neglect of children or with any violation of law that causes or tends to cause a child to come within the 110 purview of this law, or with any other offense against the person of a child. In prosecution for felonies 111 over which the court has jurisdiction, jurisdiction shall be limited to determining whether or not there is 112 probable cause.

113 J. All offenses in which one family or household member is charged with an offense in which another family or household member is the victim and all offenses under § 18.2-49.1. 114

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K. Petitions filed by a natural parent, whose parental rights to a child have been voluntarily
relinquished pursuant to a court proceeding, to seek a reversal of the court order terminating such
parental rights. No such petition shall be accepted, however, after the child has been placed in the home
of adoptive parents.

L. Any person who seeks spousal support after having separated from his spouse. A decision under this subdivision shall not be res judicata in any subsequent action for spousal support in a circuit court.
 A circuit court shall have concurrent original jurisdiction in all causes of action under this subdivision.

128 M. Petitions filed for the purpose of obtaining an order of protection pursuant to § 16.1-253.1 or 129 16.1-279.1.

N. Any person who escapes or remains away without proper authority from a residential care facility
in which he had been placed by the court or as a result of his commitment to the Virginia Department
of Juvenile Justice.

133 O. Petitions for emancipation of a minor pursuant to Article 15 (§ 16.1-331 et seq.) of this chapter.

P. Petitions for enforcement of administrative support orders entered pursuant to Chapter 19
(§ 63.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 63.2, or by another state in the same manner as if the orders were entered
by a juvenile and domestic relations district court upon the filing of a certified copy of such order in the
juvenile and domestic relations district court.

138 Q. Petitions for a determination of parentage pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (§ 20-49.1 et seq.) of Title 20.

139 R. Petitions for the purpose of obtaining an emergency protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.4.

140 S. Petitions filed by school boards against parents pursuant to §§ 16.1-241.2 and 22.1-279.3.

T. Petitions to enforce any request for information or subpoena that is not complied with or to review any refusal to issue a subpoena in an administrative appeal regarding child abuse and neglect pursuant to § 63.2-1526.

U. Petitions filed in connection with parental placement adoption consent hearings pursuant to
§ 63.2-1233. Such proceedings shall be advanced on the docket so as to be heard by the court within 10
days of filing of the petition, or as soon thereafter as practicable so as to provide the earliest possible
disposition.

148 V. Petitions filed by a juvenile seeking judicial authorization for a physician to perform an abortion149 if a minor elects not to seek consent of an authorized person.

After a hearing, a judge shall issue an order authorizing a physician to perform an abortion, without the consent of any authorized person, if he finds that (i) the minor is mature enough and well enough informed to make her abortion decision, in consultation with her physician, independent of the wishes of any authorized person, or (ii) the minor is not mature enough or well enough informed to make such decision, but the desired abortion would be in her best interest.

155 If the judge authorizes an abortion based on the best interests of the minor, such order shall 156 expressly state that such authorization is subject to the physician or his agent giving notice of intent to 157 perform the abortion; however, no such notice shall be required if the judge finds that such notice would 158 not be in the best interest of the minor. In determining whether notice is in the best interest of the 159 minor, the judge shall consider the totality of the circumstances; however, he shall find that notice is not 160 in the best interest of the minor if he finds that (i) one or more authorized persons with whom the 161 minor regularly and customarily resides is abusive or neglectful, and (ii) every other authorized person, 162 if any, is either abusive or neglectful or has refused to accept responsibility as parent, legal guardian, 163 custodian or person standing in loco parentis.

164 The minor may participate in the court proceedings on her own behalf, and the court may appoint a 165 guardian ad litem for the minor. The court shall advise the minor that she has a right to counsel and 166 shall, upon her request, appoint counsel for her.

167 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this subsection shall govern 168 proceedings relating to consent for a minor's abortion. Court proceedings under this subsection and 169 records of such proceedings shall be confidential. Such proceedings shall be given precedence over other 170 pending matters so that the court may reach a decision promptly and without delay in order to serve the 171 best interests of the minor. Court proceedings under this subsection shall be heard and decided as soon 172 as practicable but in no event later than four days after the petition is filed.

An expedited confidential appeal to the circuit court shall be available to any minor for whom the court denies an order authorizing an abortion without consent or without notice. Any such appeal shall be heard and decided no later than five days after the appeal is filed. The time periods required by this subsection shall be subject to subsection B of § 1-210. An order authorizing an abortion without consent or without notice shall not be subject to appeal.

178 No filing fees shall be required of the minor at trial or upon appeal.

179 If either the original court or the circuit court fails to act within the time periods required by this180 subsection, the court before which the proceeding is pending shall immediately authorize a physician to181 perform the abortion without consent of or notice to an authorized person.

182 Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to authorize a physician to perform an 183 abortion on a minor in circumstances or in a manner that would be unlawful if performed on an adult 184 woman.

185 A physician shall not knowingly perform an abortion upon an unemancipated minor unless consent 186 has been obtained or the minor delivers to the physician a court order entered pursuant to this section 187 and the physician or his agent provides such notice as such order may require. However, neither consent 188 nor judicial authorization nor notice shall be required if the minor declares that she is abused or 189 neglected and the attending physician has reason to suspect that the minor may be an abused or 190 neglected child as defined in § 63.2-100 and reports the suspected abuse or neglect in accordance with 191 § 63.2-1509; or if there is a medical emergency, in which case the attending physician shall certify the 192 facts justifying the exception in the minor's medical record. 193

For purposes of this subsection:

194 "Authorization" means the minor has delivered to the physician a notarized, written statement signed 195 by an authorized person that the authorized person knows of the minor's intent to have an abortion and 196 consents to such abortion being performed on the minor.

"Authorized person" means (\hat{i}) a parent or duly appointed legal guardian or custodian of the minor or 197 198 (ii) a person standing in loco parentis, including, but not limited to, a grandparent or adult sibling with 199 whom the minor regularly and customarily resides and who has care and control of the minor. Any 200 person who knows he is not an authorized person and who knowingly and willfully signs an 201 authorization statement consenting to an abortion for a minor is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

202 "Consent" means that (i) the physician has given notice of intent to perform the abortion and has 203 received authorization from an authorized person, or (ii) at least one authorized person is present with 204 the minor seeking the abortion and provides written authorization to the physician, which shall be witnessed by the physician or an agent thereof. In either case, the written authorization shall be 205 206 incorporated into the minor's medical record and maintained as a part thereof.

207 "Medical emergency" means any condition which, on the basis of the physician's good faith clinical 208 judgment, so complicates the medical condition of the pregnant minor as to necessitate the immediate 209 abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or for which a delay will create a serious risk of substantial 210 and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.

211 "Notice of intent to perform the abortion" means that (i) the physician or his agent has given actual 212 notice of his intention to perform such abortion to an authorized person, either in person or by telephone, at least 24 hours previous to the performance of the abortion; or (ii) the physician or his 213 214 agent, after a reasonable effort to notify an authorized person, has mailed notice to an authorized person 215 by certified mail, addressed to such person at his usual place of abode, with return receipt requested, at 216 least 72 hours prior to the performance of the abortion.

"Perform an abortion" means to interrupt or terminate a pregnancy by any surgical or nonsurgical 217 218 procedure or to induce a miscarriage as provided in § 18.2-72, 18.2-73, or 18.2-74.

219 "Unemancipated minor" means a minor who has not been emancipated by (i) entry into a valid 220 marriage, even though the marriage may have been terminated by dissolution; (ii) active duty with any 221 of the Armed Forces of the United States; (iii) willingly living separate and apart from his or her 222 parents or guardian, with the consent or acquiescence of the parents or guardian; or (iv) entry of an 223 order of emancipation pursuant to Article 15 (§ 16.1-331 et seq.) of this chapter.

224 W. Petitions filed pursuant to Article 17 (§ 16.1-349 et seq.) of this chapter relating to standby 225 guardians for minor children.

226 X. Petitions filed pursuant to § 18.2-370.5 for an order allowing the petitioner to enter and be present 227 on school or child day center property. In such cases jurisdiction shall be concurrent with and not 228 exclusive of circuit courts.

229 The ages specified in this law refer to the age of the child at the time of the acts complained of in 230 the petition.

231 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fees shall be charged by a sheriff for the service of 232 any process in a proceeding pursuant to subdivision 3 of subsection A, except as provided in subdivision 233 A 6 of § 17.1-272, or subsection B, D, M or R of this section.

234 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 18.2-71, any physician who performs an abortion in violation of 235 subsection V shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. 236

§ 16.1-296. Jurisdiction of appeals; procedure.

A. From Except as provided in § 16.1-296.2 for appeals in cases involving termination of parental 237 238 rights, from any final order or judgment of the juvenile court affecting the rights or interests of any 239 person coming within its jurisdiction, an appeal may be taken within 10 days from the entry of a final judgment, order or conviction. However, in a case arising under the Uniform Interstate Family Support 240 Act (§ 20-88.32 et seq.), a party may take an appeal pursuant to this section within 30 days from entry 241 242 of a final order or judgment. Protective orders issued pursuant to § 16.1-279.1 in cases of family abuse and orders entered pursuant to § 16.1-278.2 are final orders from which an appeal may be taken. 243

B. Upon receipt of notice of such appeal the juvenile court shall forthwith transmit to the attorney for the Commonwealth a report incorporating the results of any investigation conducted pursuant to § 16.1-273, which shall be confidential in nature and made available only to the court and the attorney for the defendant (i) after the guilt or innocence of the accused has been determined or (ii) after the court has made its findings on the issues subject to appeal. After final determination of the case, the report and all copies thereof shall be forthwith returned to such juvenile court.

250 C. Where an appeal is taken by a child on a finding that he or she is delinquent and on a disposition 251 pursuant to § 16.1-278.8, trial by jury on the issue of guilt or innocence of the alleged delinquent act 252 may be had on motion of the child, the attorney for the Commonwealth or the circuit court judge. If the 253 alleged delinquent act is one which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony, the child shall 254 be entitled to a jury of 12 persons. In all other cases, the jury shall consist of seven persons. If the jury in such a trial finds the child guilty, disposition shall be by the judge pursuant to the provisions of 255 256 § 16.1-278.8 after taking into consideration the report of any investigation made pursuant to § 16.1-237 257 or 16.1-273.

C1. In any hearing held upon an appeal taken by a child on a finding that he is delinquent and on a disposition pursuant to § 16.1-278.8, the provisions of § 16.1-302 shall apply mutatis mutandis, except in the case of trial by jury which shall be open. If proceedings in the circuit court are closed pursuant to this subsection, any records or portions thereof relating to such closed proceedings shall remain confidential.

263 C2. Where an appeal is taken by a juvenile on a finding that he is delinquent and on a disposition 264 pursuant to § 16.1-278.8 and the juvenile is in a secure facility pending the appeal, the circuit court, 265 when practicable, shall hold a hearing on the merits of the case within 45 days of the filing of the 266 appeal. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal from the juvenile court, the circuit court shall provide a 267 copy of the order and a copy of the notice of appeal to the attorney for the Commonwealth within seven days after receipt of notice of an appeal. The time limitations shall be tolled during any period in which 268 269 the juvenile has escaped from custody. A juvenile held continuously in secure detention shall be released 270 from confinement if there is no hearing on the merits of his case within 45 days of the filing of the 271 appeal. The circuit court may extend the time limitations for a reasonable period of time based upon 272 good cause shown, provided the basis for such extension is recorded in writing and filed among the 273 papers of the proceedings.

D. When an appeal is taken in a case involving termination of parental rights brought under
\$ 16.1-283, the circuit court shall hold a hearing on the merits of the case within 90 days of the
perfecting of the appeal. An appeal of the case to the Court of Appeals shall take precedence on the
docket of the Court.

278 E. Where an appeal is taken by an adult on a finding of guilty of an offense within the jurisdiction
279 of the juvenile and domestic relations district court, the appeal shall be dealt with in all respects as is an
280 appeal from a general district court pursuant to §§ 16.1-132 through 16.1-137; however, where an appeal
281 is taken by any person on a charge of nonsupport, the procedure shall be as is provided for appeals in
282 prosecutions under Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et seq.) of Title 20.

FE. In all other cases on appeal, proceedings in the circuit court shall be heard without a jury;
however, hearing of an issue by an advisory jury may be allowed, in the discretion of the judge, upon
the motion of any party. An appeal from an order of protection issued pursuant to § 16.1-279.1 shall be
given precedence on the docket of the court over other civil appeals taken to the circuit court from the
district courts, but shall otherwise be docketed and processed as other civil cases.

288 GF. Costs, taxes and fees on appealed cases shall be assessed only in those cases in which a trial fee
289 could have been assessed in the juvenile and domestic relations court and shall be collected in the circuit court, except that the appeal to circuit court of any case in which a fee either was or could have been assessed pursuant to § 16.1-69.48:5 shall also be in accordance with § 16.1-296.2.

292 **H**G. No appeal bond shall be required of a party appealing from an order of a juvenile and domestic 293 relations district court except for that portion of any order or judgment establishing a support arrearage 294 or suspending payment of support during pendency of an appeal. In cases involving support, no appeal 295 shall be allowed until the party applying for the same or someone for him gives bond, in an amount and 296 with sufficient surety approved by the judge or by his clerk if there is one, to abide by such judgment 297 as may be rendered on appeal if the appeal is perfected or, if not perfected, then to satisfy the judgment 298 of the court in which it was rendered. Upon appeal from a conviction for failure to support or from a 299 finding of civil or criminal contempt involving a failure to support, the juvenile and domestic relations 300 district court may require the party applying for the appeal or someone for him to give bond, with or 301 without surety, to insure his appearance and may also require bond in an amount and with sufficient 302 surety to secure the payment of prospective support accruing during the pendency of the appeal. An appeal will not be perfected unless such appeal bond as may be required is filed within 30 days from 303 the entry of the final judgment or order. However, no appeal bond shall be required of the 304

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305 Commonwealth or when an appeal is proper to protect the estate of a decedent, an infant, a convict or 306 an insane person, or the interest of a county, city or town.

307 If bond is furnished by or on behalf of any party against whom judgment has been rendered for 308 money, the bond shall be conditioned for the performance and satisfaction of such judgment or order as 309 may be entered against the party on appeal, and for the payment of all damages which may be awarded 310 against him in the appellate court. If the appeal is by a party against whom there is no recovery, the 311 bond shall be conditioned for the payment of any damages as may be awarded against him on the appeal. The provisions of § 16.1-109 shall apply to bonds required pursuant to this subsection. 312

This subsection shall not apply to release on bail pursuant to other subsections of this section or 313 314 § 16.1-298.

4H. In all cases on appeal, the circuit court in the disposition of such cases shall have all the powers 315 316 and authority granted by the chapter to the juvenile and domestic relations district court. Unless 317 otherwise specifically provided by this Code, the circuit court judge shall have the authority to appoint 318 counsel for the parties and compensate such counsel in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 319 (§ 16.1-266 et seq.) of this chapter.

320 JI. In any case which has been referred or transferred from a circuit court to a juvenile court and an 321 appeal is taken from an order or judgment of the juvenile court, the appeal shall be taken to the circuit 322 court in the same locality as the juvenile court to which the case had been referred or transferred. 323

§ 16.1-296.3. Appeals to Court of Appeals.

324 From any final order or judgment of the juvenile court entered pursuant to § 16.1-283 on a petition 325 seeking the termination of residual parental rights, an appeal may be taken to the Court of Appeals as provided in § 17.1-405. The provisions of Titles 8.01 and 20 and the Rules of the Supreme Court of 326 327 Virginia governing the appeals of equitable claims shall apply to appeals pursuant to this section.

An appeal under this section shall take precedence on the docket of the Court of Appeals.

§ 16.1-298. Effect of petition for or pendency of appeal; bail.

330 A. Except as provided herein, a petition for or the pendency of an appeal or writ of error shall not 331 suspend any judgment, order or decree of the juvenile court nor operate to discharge any child 332 concerned or involved in the case from the custody of the court or other person, institution or agency to 333 which the child has been committed unless so ordered by the judge of the juvenile court, the judge of a 334 circuit court or directed in a writ of supersedeas by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court or a judge or justice thereof. 335

336 B. The judgment, order or decree of the juvenile court shall be suspended upon a petition for or the 337 pendency of an appeal or writ of error:

338 1. In cases of delinquency in which the final order of the juvenile court is pursuant to subdivision 8,

- 339 9, 10, 12, 14, or 15 of § 16.1-278.8.
- 340 2. In cases involving a child and any local ordinance. 341
 - 3. In cases involving any person over the age of eighteen years.
 - 4. In cases involving termination of residual parental rights.

343 Such suspension as is provided for in this subsection shall not apply to (i) an order for support of a 344 spouse, parent or child or to a preliminary protective order issued pursuant to § 16.1-253, (ii) an order 345 disposing of a motion to reconsider relating to participation in continuing programs pursuant to § 16.1-289.1, (iii) a protective order in cases of family abuse issued pursuant to § 16.1-279.1 or a 346 347 protective order entered in conjunction with a disposition pursuant to §§ 16.1-278.2, 16.1-278.4, 348 16.1-278.5, 16.1-278.6 or § 16.1-278.8, or (iv) a protective order issued pursuant to § 19.2-152.10, 349 unless so ordered by the judge of a circuit court or directed in a writ of supersedeas by the Court of 350 Appeals or the Supreme Court.

351 C. In cases where the order of the juvenile court is suspended pursuant to subsection B hereof or by 352 order of the juvenile court or the circuit court, bail may be required as provided for in § 16.1-135.

353 § 17.1-405. Appellate jurisdiction - Administrative agency, Virginia Workers' Compensation 354 Commission, and domestic relations appeals. 355

Any aggrieved party may appeal to the Court of Appeals from:

356 1. Any final decision of a circuit court on appeal from (i) a decision of an administrative agency, or 357 (ii) a grievance hearing decision issued pursuant to \S 2.2-3005;

- 358 2. Any final decision of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission;
- 359 3. Any final judgment, order, or decree of a circuit court involving:
- 360 a. Affirmance or annulment of a marriage;
- 361 b. Divorce;
- c. Custody; 362
- 363 d. Spousal or child support;
- 364 e. The control or disposition of a child;
- f. Any other domestic relations matter arising under Title 16.1 or Title 20; 365
- 366 g. Adoption under Chapter 12 (§ 63.2-1200 et seq.) of Title 63.2; or

- 367 h. A final grievance hearing decision issued pursuant to subsection B of § 2.2-3007.
- 4. Any final order or judgment of a juvenile and domestic relations district court entered pursuant to § 16.1-283 in a case involving the termination of residual parental rights.
 45. Any interlocutory decree or order entered in any of the cases listed in this section (i) granting, 368 369 370
- 371 dissolving, or denying an injunction or (ii) adjudicating the principles of a cause.