

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 15 of Title 63.2 an article numbered 6,*
3 *consisting of a section numbered 63.2-1530, relating to the Virginia Child Protection Accountability*
4 *System.*

5 [H 1904]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 15 of Title 63.2 an article**
9 **numbered 6, consisting of a section numbered 63.2-1530, as follows:**

10 *Article 6.*11 *Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.*12 *§ 63.2-1530. Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.*

13 *A. The Virginia Child Protection Accountability System (the System) is created to collect and make*
14 *available to the public information on the response to reported cases of child abuse and neglect in the*
15 *Commonwealth. The Department shall establish and maintain the System. The Board shall promulgate*
16 *regulations to implement the provisions of this section.*

17 *B. The following information shall, notwithstanding any state law regarding privacy or confidentiality*
18 *of records, be included in the System and made available to the public via a website maintained by the*
19 *Department and in print format: (i) the total number of complaints alleging child abuse, neglect, or a*
20 *combination thereof received, (ii) the total number of complaints deemed valid pursuant to § 63.2-1508,*
21 *(iii) the total number of complaints investigated by the Department pursuant to subsection I of*
22 *§ 63.2-1503 and § 63.2-1505, (iv) the total number of cases determined to be founded cases of abuse or*
23 *neglect, and (v) the total number of cases resulting in a finding that the complaint was founded*
24 *resulting in administrative appeal. Information reported pursuant to (v) above shall be reported by total*
25 *number of appeals to the local department, total number of appeals to the Department, and total*
26 *number of appeals by outcome of the appeal. For each category of information required by this*
27 *subdivision, the Department shall also report the total number of cases by type of abuse; by gender,*
28 *age, and race of the alleged victim; and by the nature of the relationship between the alleged victim*
29 *and alleged abuser.*

30 *C. Data collected pursuant to subsection B shall be made available to the public on a website*
31 *established and maintained by the Department and shall also be made readily available to the public in*
32 *print format. Information included in the System shall be presented in such a manner that no individual*
33 *identifying information shall be included.*

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