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HOUSE BILL NO. 1904

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations

on February 6, 2009)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Armstrong)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 15 of Title 63.2 an article numbered 6, consisting of a section numbered 63.2-1530, relating to the Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

Article 6.

Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.

§ 63.2-1530. Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.

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

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

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

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