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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-336 through 16.1-339, 16.1-340, 16.1-341, 16.1-342, 16.1-344, 16.1-345, 16.1-345.1, 37.2-808, and 37.2-809 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of 2 3 Virginia by adding sections numbered 16.1-339.1 and 16.1-345.2 through 16.1-345.5, relating to the 4 5 Psychiatric Inpatient Treatment of Minors Act.

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#### Approved

8 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. That §§ 16.1-336 through 16.1-339, 16.1-340, 16.1-341, 16.1-342, 16.1-344, 16.1-345, 16.1-345.1, 10 37.2-808, and 37.2-809 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 16.1-339.1 and 16.1-345.2 through 16.1-345.5 as 11 12 follows: 13

§ 16.1-336. Definitions.

14 When used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

15 "Community services board" has the same meaning as provided in § 37.2-100. Whenever the term community services board appears, it shall include behavioral health authority, as that term is defined 16 17 in § 37.2-100.

18 "Consent" means the voluntary, express, and informed agreement to treatment in a mental health 19 facility by a minor fourteen 14 years of age or older and by a parent or a legally authorized custodian.

20 "Incapable of making an informed decision" means unable to understand the nature, extent, or 21 probable consequences of a proposed treatment or unable to make a rational evaluation of the risks and benefits of the proposed treatment as compared with the risks and benefits of alternatives to the 22 23 treatment. Persons with dysphasia or other communication disorders who are mentally competent and 24 able to communicate shall not be considered incapable of giving informed consent.

25 "Inpatient treatment" means placement for observation, diagnosis, or treatment of mental illness in a 26 psychiatric hospital or in any other type of mental health facility determined by the State Mental Health, 27 Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board to be substantially similar to a psychiatric 28 hospital with respect to restrictions on freedom and therapeutic intrusiveness.

29 Judge" means a juvenile and domestic relations district judge. In addition, "judge" includes a retired 30 judge sitting by designation pursuant to § 16.1-69.35, substitute judge, or special justice authorized by 31 § 37.2-803 who has completed a training program regarding the provisions of this article, prescribed by 32 the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court.

"Least restrictive alternative" means the treatment and conditions of treatment which, separately and 33 34 in combination, are no more intrusive or restrictive of freedom than reasonably necessary to achieve a 35 substantial therapeutic benefit or to protect the minor or others from physical injury.

36 "Mental health facility" means a public or private facility for the treatment of mental illness operated 37 or licensed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

38 "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of the minor's cognitive, volitional, or emotional 39 processes that demonstrably and significantly impairs judgment or capacity to recognize reality or to 40 control behavior. "Mental illness" may include substance abuse, which is the use, without compelling 41 medical reason, of any substance which results in psychological or physiological dependency as a 42 function of continued use in such a manner as to induce mental, emotional, or physical impairment and 43 cause socially dysfunctional or socially disordering behavior. Mental retardation, head injury, a learning 44 disability, or a seizure disorder is not sufficient, in itself, to justify a finding of mental illness within the 45 meaning of this article.

"Minor" means a person less than eighteen 18 years of age.

"Parent" means (i) a biological or adoptive parent who has legal custody of the minor, including 47 48 either parent if custody is shared under a joint decree or agreement, (ii) a biological or adoptive parent 49 with whom the minor regularly resides, (iii) a person judicially appointed as a legal guardian of the 50 minor, or (iv) a person who exercises the rights and responsibilities of legal custody by delegation from a biological or adoptive parent, upon provisional adoption or otherwise by operation of law. The director 51 of the local department of social services, or his designee, may stand as the minor's parent when the 52 53 minor is in the legal custody of the local department of social services.

54 "Qualified evaluator" means a psychiatrist or a psychologist licensed in Virginia by either the Board 55 of Medicine or the Board of Psychology who is skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness 56 in minors and familiar with the provisions of this article. If such psychiatrist or psychologist is

unavailable, any mental health professional (i) licensed in Virginia through the Department of Health
Professions or (ii) employed by a community services board who is skilled in the diagnosis and
treatment of mental illness in minors and who is familiar with the provisions of this article may serve as
the qualified evaluator.

61 "Treatment" means any planned intervention intended to improve a minor's functioning in those areas 62 which show impairment as a result of mental illness.

§ 16.1-337. Inpatient treatment of minors; general applicability.

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A. A minor may be admitted to a mental health facility for inpatient treatment only pursuant to § 16.1-338, 16.1-339, or 16.1-340 or in accordance with an order of involuntary commitment entered pursuant to §§ 16.1-341 through 16.1-345. The provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of this title relating to the confidentiality of files, papers, and records shall apply to proceedings under §§ 16.1-339 through 16.1-345.

69 B. Any health care provider, as defined in § 32.1-127.1:03, or other provider rendering services to a 70 minor who is the subject of proceedings under this article, upon request, shall disclose to a magistrate, 71 the juvenile intake officer, the court, the minor's attorney as required in § 16.1-343, the minor's guardian ad litem, the evaluator as required under §§ 16.1-338, 16.1-339, and 16.1-342, the community services 72 73 board or behavioral health authority performing the evaluation, preadmission screening, or monitoring 74 duties under this article, or a law-enforcement officer any and all information that is necessary and 75 appropriate to enable each of them to perform his duties under this article. These health care providers 76 and other service providers shall disclose to one another health records and information where necessary 77 to provide care and treatment to the person and to monitor that care and treatment. Health records 78 disclosed to a law-enforcement officer shall be limited to information necessary to protect the officer, 79 the minor, or the public from physical injury or to address the health care needs of the minor. 80 Information disclosed to a law-enforcement officer shall not be used for any other purpose, disclosed to 81 others, or retained.

Any health care provider disclosing records pursuant to this section shall be immune from civil
liability for any harm resulting from the disclosure, including any liability under the federal Health
Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq.), as amended, unless the person
or provider disclosing such records intended the harm or acted in bad faith.

86 C. Any order entered where a minor is the subject of proceedings under this article shall provide for
87 the disclosure of health records pursuant to subsection B. This subsection shall not preclude any other
88 disclosures as required or permitted by law.

89 § 16.1-338. Parental admission of minors younger than 14 and nonobjecting minors 14 years of age or older.

A. A minor younger than 14 years of age may be admitted to a willing mental health facility for inpatient treatment upon application and with the consent of a parent. A minor 14 years of age or older may be admitted to a willing mental health facility for inpatient treatment upon the joint application and consent of the minor and the minor's parent.

B. Admission of a minor under this section shall be approved by a qualified evaluator who has conducted a personal examination of the minor within 48 hours after admission and has made the following written findings:

98 1. The minor appears to have a mental illness serious enough to warrant inpatient treatment and is99 reasonably likely to benefit from the treatment; and

100 2. The minor has been provided with a clinically appropriate explanation of the nature and purpose101 of the treatment; and

102 3. If the minor is 14 years of age or older, that he has been provided with an explanation of his rights under this Act as they would apply if he were to object to admission, and that he has consented to admission; and

4. All available modalities of treatment less restrictive than inpatient treatment have been consideredand no less restrictive alternative is available that would offer comparable benefits to the minor.

107 If admission is sought to a state hospital, the community services board serving the area in which the
108 minor resides shall provide the examination required by this section and shall ensure that the necessary
109 written findings have been made before approving the admission. A copy of the written findings of the
evaluation required by this section shall be provided to the consenting parent and the parent shall have
111 the opportunity to discuss the findings with the evaluator.

112 C. Within 10 days after the admission of a minor under this section, the director of the facility or the 113 director's designee shall ensure that an individualized plan of treatment has been prepared by the 114 provider responsible for the minor's treatment and has been explained to the parent consenting to the 115 admission and to the minor. The minor shall be involved in the preparation of the plan to the maximum 116 feasible extent consistent with his ability to understand and participate, and the minor's family shall be 117 involved to the maximum extent consistent with the minor's treatment needs. The plan shall include a

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118 preliminary plan for placement and aftercare upon completion of inpatient treatment and shall include 119 specific behavioral and emotional goals against which the success of treatment may be measured. A 120 copy of the plan shall be provided to the minor and to his parents.

D. If the parent who consented to a minor's admission under this section revokes his consent at any 121 122 time, or if a minor 14 or older objects at any time to further treatment, the minor shall be discharged 123 within 48 hours to the custody of such consenting parent unless the minor's continued hospitalization is 124 authorized pursuant to § 16.1-339, 16.1-340, or 16.1-345. If the 48-hour time period expires on a 125 Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which the court is lawfully closed, the 48 hours shall extend 126 to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which the court is lawfully 127 closed.

128 E. Inpatient treatment of a minor hospitalized under this section may not exceed 90 consecutive days 129 unless it has been authorized by appropriate hospital medical personnel, based upon their written 130 findings that the criteria set forth in subsection B of this section continue to be met, after such persons 131 have examined the minor and interviewed the consenting parent and reviewed reports submitted by 132 members of the facility staff familiar with the minor's condition.

133 F. Any minor admitted under this section while younger than 14 and his consenting parent shall be 134 informed orally and in writing by the director of the facility for inpatient treatment within 10 days of his 135 fourteenth birthday that continued voluntary treatment under the authority of this section requires his 136 consent.

137 G. Any minor 14 years of age or older who joins in an application and consents to admission 138 pursuant to subsection A, shall, in addition to his parent, have the right to access his health information. 139 The concurrent authorization of both the parent and the minor shall be required to disclose such minor's 140 health information.

H. A minor who has been hospitalized while properly detained by a juvenile and domestic relations 141 142 district court or circuit court shall be returned to the detention home following completion of a period 143 of inpatient treatment, unless the court having jurisdiction over the case orders that the minor be 144 released from custody. 145

§ 16.1-339. Parental admission of an objecting minor 14 years of age or older.

146 A. A minor 14 years of age or older who (i) objects to admission, or (ii) is incapable of making an 147 informed decision may be admitted to a willing facility for up to 96 hours, pending the review required 148 by subsections B and C of this section, upon the application of a parent. If admission is sought to a 149 state hospital, the community services board or behavioral health authority serving the area in which the 150 minor resides shall provide the examination required by subsection B of § 16.1-338 and shall ensure that 151 the necessary written findings, except the minor's consent, have been made before approving the 152 admission.

153 B. A minor admitted under this section shall be examined within 24 hours of his admission by a 154 qualified evaluator designated by the community services board or behavioral health authority serving 155 the area where the facility is located who is not and will not be treating the minor and who has no 156 significant financial interest in the minor's hospitalization. The evaluator shall prepare a report that shall 157 include written findings as to whether:

158 1. Because of mental illness, the minor (i) presents a serious danger to himself or others to the extent 159 that severe or irremediable injury is likely to result, as evidenced by recent acts or threats or (ii) is experiencing a serious deterioration of his ability to care for himself in a developmentally 160 age-appropriate manner, as evidenced by delusionary thinking or by a significant impairment of 161 162 functioning in hydration, nutrition, self-protection, or self-control;

2. The minor is in need of inpatient treatment for a mental illness and is reasonably likely to benefit 163 164 from the proposed treatment; and

165 3. Inpatient treatment is the least restrictive alternative that meets the minor's needs. The qualified 166 evaluator shall submit his report to the juvenile and domestic relations district court for the jurisdiction 167 in which the facility is located.

168 C. Upon admission of a minor under this section, the facility shall file a petition for judicial approval 169 no sooner than 24 hours and no later than 96 hours after admission with the juvenile and domestic 170 relations district court for the jurisdiction in which the facility is located. To the extent available, the 171 petition shall contain the information required by § 16.1-339.1. A copy of this petition shall be delivered to the minor's consenting parent. Upon receipt of the petition and of the evaluator's report submitted 172 173 pursuant to subsection B, the judge shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor and counsel to 174 represent the minor, unless it has been determined that the minor has retained counsel. A copy of the 175 evaluator's report shall be provided to the minor's counsel and guardian ad litem. The court and the 176 guardian ad litem shall review the petition and evaluator's report and shall ascertain the views of the 177 minor, the minor's consenting parent, the evaluator, and the attending psychiatrist. The court shall conduct its review in such place and manner, including the facility, as it deems to be in the best 178

179 interests of the minor. Based upon its review and the recommendations of the guardian ad litem, the 180 court shall order one of the following dispositions:

181 1. If the court finds that the minor does not meet the criteria for admission specified in subsection B, 182 the court shall issue an order directing the facility to release the minor into the custody of the parent 183 who consented to the minor's admission. However, nothing herein shall be deemed to affect the terms 184 and provisions of any valid court order of custody affecting the minor.

185 2. If the court finds that the minor meets the criteria for admission specified in subsection B, the 186 court shall issue an order authorizing continued hospitalization of the minor for up to 90 days on the 187 basis of the parent's consent.

188 Within 10 days after the admission of a minor under this section, the director of the facility or the 189 director's designee shall ensure that an individualized plan of treatment has been prepared by the 190 provider responsible for the minor's treatment and has been explained to the parent consenting to the 191 admission and to the minor. A copy of the plan shall also be provided to the guardian ad litem and to 192 counsel for the minor. The minor shall be involved in the preparation of the plan to the maximum feasible extent consistent with his ability to understand and participate, and the minor's family shall be 193 194 involved to the maximum extent consistent with the minor's treatment needs. The plan shall include a 195 preliminary plan for placement and aftercare upon completion of inpatient treatment and shall include 196 specific behavioral and emotional goals against which the success of treatment may be measured.

197 3. If the court determines that the available information is insufficient to permit an informed 198 determination regarding whether the minor meets the criteria specified in subsection B, the court shall 199 schedule a commitment hearing that shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in 200 §§ 16.1-341 through 16.1-345. The minor may be detained in the hospital for up to 96 additional hours 201 pending the holding of the commitment hearing.

202 D. A minor admitted under this section who rescinds his objection may be retained in the hospital 203 pursuant to § 16.1-338.

204 E. If the parent who consented to a minor's admission under this section revokes his consent at any time, the minor shall be released within 48 hours to the parent's custody unless the minor's continued 205 hospitalization is authorized pursuant to § 16.1-340 or 16.1-345. If the 48-hour time period expires on a 206 Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which the court is lawfully closed, the 48 hours shall extend 207 208 to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which the court is lawfully 209 closed.

210 F. A minor who has been hospitalized while properly detained by a juvenile and domestic relations 211 district court or circuit court shall be returned to the detention home following completion of a period 212 of inpatient treatment, unless the court having jurisdiction over the case orders that the minor be 213 released from custody. 214

§ 16.1-339.1. Minors in detention homes or shelter care facilities.

215 If a minor admitted to a mental health facility pursuant to this article was in a detention home or a shelter care facility at the time of his admission, the director of the detention home or shelter care 216 facility or his designee shall provide, if available, the charges against the minor that are the basis of 217 218 the detention and the names and addresses of the minor's parents and the juvenile and domestic 219 relations district court ordering the minor's placement in detention or shelter care to the mental health 220 facility and to the juvenile and domestic relations district court for the jurisdiction in which the mental 221 health facility is located if different from the court ordering the minor's placement in detention or 222 *shelter care.* 223

§ 16.1-340. Emergency admission.

224 A minor, including a minor in detention or shelter care pursuant to an order of a juvenile and 225 domestic relations court, may be taken into custody and admitted for inpatient treatment pursuant to the 226 procedures specified in Article 4 (§ 37.2-808 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 37.2, except that an emergency custody order pursuant to § 37.2-808 or a temporary detention order pursuant to § 37.2-809 227 228 shall only be issued for a minor if the minor meets the criteria for involuntary commitment set forth in 229 § 16.1-345. If the minor is admitted to a willing facility in accordance with § 37.2-809, the temporary 230 detention order shall be effective until such time as the juvenile and domestic relations district court 231 serving the jurisdiction in which the minor is located schedules a hearing. The juvenile and domestic 232 relations district court serving the jurisdiction in which the minor is located shall schedule a hearing 233 pursuant to § 16.1-341 no sooner than 24 hours and no later than 96 hours from the time of the issuance 234 of the temporary detention order or filing of the petition pursuant to § 16.1-341, whichever occurs later. 235 If the 96-hour period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which the court is lawfully 236 closed, the 96 hours shall be extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or 237 day on which the court is lawfully closed.

238 § 16.1-341. Involuntary commitment; petition; hearing scheduled; notice and appointment of counsel. 239

A. A petition for the involuntary commitment of a minor may be filed with the juvenile and

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240 domestic relations district court serving the jurisdiction in which the minor is located by a parent or, if 241 the parent is not available or is unable or unwilling to file a petition, by any responsible adult, including 242 the person having custody over a minor in detention or shelter care pursuant to an order of a juvenile 243 and domestic relations district court. The petition shall include the name and address of the petitioner 244 and the minor and shall set forth in specific terms why the petitioner believes the minor meets the 245 criteria for involuntary commitment specified in § 16.1-345. To the extent available, the petition shall 246 contain the information required by § 16.1-339.1. The petition shall be taken under oath.

247 If a commitment hearing has been scheduled pursuant to subdivision 3 of subsection C of § 16.1-339, 248 the petition for judicial approval filed by the facility under subsection C of § 16.1-339 shall serve as the petition for involuntary commitment as long as such petition complies in substance with the provisions 249 250 of this subsection.

251 B. Upon the filing of a petition for involuntary commitment of a minor, the juvenile and domestic 252 relations district court serving the jurisdiction in which the minor is located may shall schedule a 253 hearing which shall occur no sooner than 24 hours and no later than 96 hours from the time the petition 254 was filed. If the 96-hour period expires on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or day on which the court 255 is lawfully closed, the 96 hours shall be extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal 256 holiday or day on which the court is lawfully closed. The attorney for the minor, the guardian ad litem 257 for the minor, the attorney for the Commonwealth in the jurisdiction giving rise to the detention, and the 258 juvenile and domestic relations district court having jurisdiction over any minor in detention or shelter 259 care shall be given notice prior to the hearing.

260 If the petition is not dismissed or withdrawn, copies of the petition, together with a notice of the 261 hearing, shall be served immediately upon the minor and the minor's parents, if they are not petitioners. 262 No later than 24 hours before the hearing, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor and 263 counsel to represent the minor, unless it has determined that the minor has retained counsel. Upon the 264 request of the minor's counsel, for good cause shown, and after notice to the petitioner and all other 265 persons receiving notice of the hearing, the court may continue the hearing once for a period not to 266 exceed 96 hours.

Any recommendation made by a state mental health facility or state hospital regarding the minor's 267 268 involuntary commitment may be admissible during the course of the hearing.

269 § 16.1-342. Involuntary commitment; clinical evaluation.

270 Upon the filing of a petition for involuntary commitment, the juvenile and domestic relations district 271 court shall direct the community services board serving the area in which the minor is located to arrange 272 for an evaluation, if one has not already been performed pursuant to subsection B of § 16.1-339, by a 273 qualified evaluator who is not and will not be treating the minor and who has no significant financial 274 interest in the facility to which the minor would be committed. In conducting a clinical evaluation of a 275 minor in detention or shelter care, if the evaluator finds, irrespective of the fact that the minor has been 276 detained, that the minor meets the criteria for involuntary commitment in § 16.1-345, the evaluator shall 277 recommend that the minor meets the criteria for involuntary commitment. The petitioner, all public 278 agencies, and all providers or programs which have treated or who are treating the minor, shall 279 cooperate with the evaluator and shall promptly deliver, upon request and without charge, all records of 280 treatment or education of the minor. At least 24 hours before the scheduled hearing, the evaluator shall 281 submit to the court a written report which includes the evaluator's opinion regarding whether the minor 282 meets the criteria for involuntary commitment specified in § 16.1-345. A copy of the evaluator's report 283 shall be provided to the minor's guardian ad litem and to the minor's counsel. The evaluator shall attend 284 the hearing as a witness, if not physically present at the hearing, shall be available whenever possible 285 for questioning during the hearing through a two-way electronic video and audio or telephonic 286 communication system as authorized in § 16.1-345.1. 287

§ 16.1-344. Involuntary commitment; hearing.

288 The court shall summon to the hearing all material witnesses requested by either the minor or the 289 petitioner. All testimony shall be under oath. The rules of evidence shall apply; however, the evaluator's 290 report required by § 16.1-342 shall be admissible into evidence by stipulation of the parties unless 291 objected to by the minor or his attorney, in which case the evaluator shall attend the hearing in person 292 or by electronic communication. The petitioner, minor and, with leave of court for good cause shown, 293 any other person shall be given the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The 294 hearing shall be closed to the public unless the minor and petitioner request that it be open. Within 295 thirty 30 days of any final order committing the minor or dismissing the petition, the minor or petitioner 296 shall have the right to appeal de novo to the circuit court having jurisdiction where the minor was 297 committed or where the minor is hospitalized pursuant to the commitment order. The juvenile and 298 domestic relations district court shall appoint an attorney to represent any minor desiring to appeal who 299 does not appear to be already represented.

300 An employee or a designee of the community services board that arranged for the evaluation of the 301 minor shall attend the hearing in person or, if physical attendance is not practicable, shall participate 302 in the hearing through a two-way electronic video and audio or telephonic communication system as 303 authorized in § 16.1-345.1. If (i) the minor does not reside in the jurisdiction served by the juvenile and 304 domestic relations district court that conducts the hearing and (ii) the minor is being considered for 305 mandatory outpatient treatment pursuant to § 16.1-345.2, an employee or designee of the community 306 services board serving the area where the minor resides shall also attend the hearing in person or, if physical attendance is not practicable, shall participate in the hearing through a two-way electronic 307 308 video and audio or telephonic communication system as authorized in § 16.1-345.1. The employee or 309 designee of the community services board serving the area where the minor resides may, instead of 310 attending the hearing, make arrangements with the community services board that arranged for the 311 evaluation of the minor to present on its behalf the recommendations for a specific course of treatment and programs for the provision of mandatory outpatient treatment required by subsection C of 312 § 16.1-345.2 and the initial mandatory outpatient treatment plan required by subsection D of 313 § 16.1-345.2. When a community services board attends the hearing on behalf of the community services 314 board serving the area where the minor resides, the attending community services board shall inform 315 316 the community services board serving the area where the minor resides of the disposition of the matter 317 upon the conclusion of the hearing. In addition, the attending community services board shall transmit 318 the disposition through certified mail, personal delivery, facsimile with return receipt acknowledged, or 319 other electronic means to the community services board serving the area where the minor resides.

At least 12 hours prior to the hearing, the court shall provide the time and location of the hearing to
the community services board that arranged for the evaluation of the minor. If the community services
board will be present by telephonic means, the court shall provide the telephone number to the board.
§ 16.1-345. Involuntary commitment; criteria.

The court shall order the involuntary commitment of the minor to a mental health facility for treatment for a period not to exceed 90 days if it finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that:

326 1. Because of mental illness, the minor (i) presents a serious danger to himself or others to the extent
327 that severe or irremediable injury is likely to result, as evidenced by recent acts or threats or (ii) is
328 experiencing a serious deterioration of his ability to care for himself in a developmentally
329 age-appropriate manner, as evidenced by delusionary thinking or by a significant impairment of
330 functioning in hydration, nutrition, self-protection, or self-control;

331 2. The minor is in need of compulsory treatment for a mental illness and is reasonably likely to332 benefit from the proposed treatment; and

333 3. If inpatient treatment is ordered, such treatment is the least restrictive alternative that meets the
 334 minor's needs. If the court finds that inpatient treatment is not the least restrictive treatment, the court
 335 may order the minor to participate in shall consider entering an order for mandatory outpatient or other
 336 elinically appropriate treatment pursuant to § 16.1-345.2.

A minor who has been hospitalized while properly detained for a criminal offense by a juvenile and domestic relations district court shall be returned to the detention home following completion of a period of inpatient treatment, unless the court having jurisdiction over the criminal case orders that the minor be released from custody. *However, such a minor shall not be eligible for mandatory outpatient treatment*.

In conducting an evaluation of a minor who has been properly detained, if the evaluator finds,
 irrespective of the fact that the minor has been detained, that the minor meets the criteria for involuntary
 commitment in this section, the evaluator shall recommend that the minor meets the criteria for
 involuntary commitment.

In no event shall a minor who has been properly detained by a juvenile and domestic relations
district court, and who meets criteria for involuntary commitment, have the right to make application for
voluntary admission and treatment as may otherwise be provided for in this section.

349 If the parent or parents with whom the minor resides are not willing to approve the proposed 350 commitment, the court shall order inpatient treatment only if it finds, in addition to the criteria specified 351 in this section, that such treatment is necessary to protect the minor's life, health, or normal 352 development, and that issuance of a removal order or protective order is authorized by § 16.1-252 or 353 16.1-253.

Upon finding that the best interests of the minor so require, the court may enter an order directingeither or both of the minor's parents to comply with reasonable conditions relating to the minor'streatment.

357 If the minor is committed to inpatient treatment, such placement shall be in a mental health facility
358 for inpatient treatment designated by the community services board which serves the political
359 subdivision in which the minor was evaluated pursuant to § 16.1-342. If the community services board
360 does not provide a placement recommendation at the hearing, the minor shall be placed in a mental
a mental health facility designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation

and Substance Abuse Services. The judge shall order the sheriff to transport the minor to the designated
mental health facility as specified in § 37.2-829. The transportation of the committed minor by the
minor's parent may be authorized at the discretion of the judge.

**365** § 16.1-345.1. Use of electronic communication.

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A. Petitions and orders for emergency custody pursuant to § 37.2-808, temporary detention pursuant to § 37.2-809, and involuntary commitment pursuant to § 16.1-341 of minors may be filed, issued, served, or executed by electronic means, with or without the use of two-way electronic video and audio communication, and returned in the same manner with the same force, effect, and authority as an original document. All signatures thereon shall be treated as original signatures.

B. Any judge may conduct proceedings pursuant to <u>§ 16.1-344</u> *this article* using any two-way electronic video and audio communication system to provide for the appearance of any parties and witnesses. Any two-way electronic video and audio communication system used to conduct a proceeding shall meet the standards set forth in subsection B of § 19.2-3.1. When a witness whose testimony would be helpful to the conduct of the proceeding is not able to be physically present, his testimony may be received using a telephonic communication system.

§ 16.1-345.2. Mandatory outpatient treatment; criteria; orders.

**378** A. The court shall order that the minor be admitted involuntarily to mandatory outpatient treatment **379** for a period not to exceed 90 days if it finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that:

380 1. Because of mental illness, the minor (i) presents a serious danger to himself or others to the
381 extent that severe or irremediable injury is likely to result, as evidenced by recent acts or threats or (ii)
382 is experiencing a serious deterioration of his ability to care for himself in a developmentally
383 age-appropriate manner, as evidenced by delusionary thinking or by a significant impairment of
384 functioning in hydration, nutrition, self-protection, or self-control;

385 2. The minor is in need of compulsory treatment for a mental illness and is reasonably likely to386 benefit from the proposed treatment;

387 3. Less restrictive alternatives to involuntary inpatient treatment that would offer an opportunity for
 388 improvement of his condition have been investigated and are determined to be appropriate;

4. The minor, if 14 years of age or older, and his parents (i) have sufficient capacity to understand
the stipulations of the minor's treatment, (ii) have expressed an interest in the minor's living in the
community and have agreed to abide by the minor's treatment plan, and (iii) are deemed to have the
capacity to comply with the treatment plan and understand and adhere to conditions and requirements
of the treatment and services; and

**394** 5. The ordered treatment can be delivered on an outpatient basis by the community services board or a designated provider.

396 Less restrictive alternatives shall not be determined to be appropriate unless the services are actually397 available in the community and providers of the services have actually agreed to deliver the services.

B. Mandatory outpatient treatment may include day treatment in a hospital, night treatment in a hospital, or other appropriate course of treatment as may be necessary to meet the needs of the minor.
The community services board serving the area in which the minor resides shall recommend a specific course of treatment and programs for the provision of mandatory outpatient treatment. Upon expiration of an order for mandatory outpatient treatment, the minor shall be released from the requirements of the order unless the order is continued in accordance with § 16.1-345.5.

**404** C. Any order for mandatory outpatient treatment shall include an initial mandatory outpatient 405 treatment plan developed by the community services board serving the area in which the minor resides. 406 The plan shall, at a minimum, (i) identify the specific services to be provided, (ii) identify the provider 407 who has agreed to provide each service, (iii) describe the arrangements made for the initial in-person 408 appointment or contact with each service provider, and (iv) include any other relevant information that 409 may be available regarding the mandatory outpatient treatment ordered. The order shall require the 410 community services board to monitor the implementation of the mandatory outpatient treatment plan and 411 report any material noncompliance to the court.

412 D. No later than five business days after an order for mandatory outpatient treatment has been 413 entered pursuant to this section, the community services board that is responsible for monitoring 414 compliance with the order shall file a comprehensive mandatory outpatient treatment plan. The 415 comprehensive mandatory outpatient treatment plan shall (i) identify the specific type, amount, duration, and frequency of each service to be provided to the minor, (ii) identify the provider that has agreed to 416 417 provide each service included in the plan, (iii) certify that the services are the most appropriate and 418 least restrictive treatment available for the minor, (iv) certify that each provider has complied and 419 continues to comply with applicable provisions of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation 420 and Substance Abuse Services' licensing regulations, (v) be developed with the fullest involvement and participation of the minor and his parents and reflect their preferences to the greatest extent possible to 421 422 support the minor's recovery and self-determination, (vi) specify the particular conditions with which the

423 minor shall be required to comply, and (vii) describe how the community services board shall monitor 424 the minor's compliance with the plan and report any material noncompliance with the plan. The minor 425 shall be involved in the preparation of the plan to the maximum feasible extent consistent with his 426 ability to understand and participate, and the minor's family shall be involved to the maximum extent consistent with the minor's treatment needs. The community services board shall submit the 427 428 comprehensive mandatory outpatient treatment plan to the court for approval. Upon approval by the 429 court, the comprehensive mandatory outpatient treatment plan shall be filed with the court and 430 incorporated into the order of mandatory outpatient treatment. Any subsequent substantive modifications 431 to the plan shall be filed with the court for review and attached to any order for mandatory outpatient 432 treatment.

433 E. If the community services board responsible for developing the comprehensive mandatory 434 outpatient treatment plan determines that the services necessary for the treatment of the minor's mental 435 illness are not available or cannot be provided to the minor in accordance with the order for mandatory outpatient treatment, it shall notify the court within five business days of the entry of the order for 436 437 mandatory outpatient treatment. Within five business days of receiving such notice, the judge, after 438 notice to the minor, the minor's attorney, and the community services board responsible for developing 439 the comprehensive mandatory outpatient treatment plan, shall hold a hearing pursuant to § 16.1-345.4.

440 F. Upon entry of any order for mandatory outpatient treatment, the clerk of the court shall provide a 441 copy of the order to the minor who is the subject of the order, his parents, his attorney, his guardian ad 442 litem, and the community services board required to monitor his compliance with the plan. The 443 community services board shall acknowledge receipt of the order to the clerk of the court on a form 444 established by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court and provided by the court for 445 this purpose.

446  $\hat{G}$ . After entry of any order for mandatory outpatient treatment if the court that entered the order is 447 not the juvenile and domestic relations district court for the jurisdiction in which the minor resides, it 448 shall transfer jurisdiction of the case to the court where the minor resides. 449

§ 16.1-345.3. Monitoring mandatory outpatient treatment; motion for review.

450 A. The community services board where the minor resides shall monitor the minor's compliance with 451 the mandatory outpatient treatment plan ordered by the court pursuant to § 16.1-345.2. Monitoring 452 compliance shall include (i) contacting the service providers to determine if the minor is complying with 453 the mandatory outpatient treatment order and (ii) notifying the court of the minor's material 454 noncompliance with the mandatory outpatient treatment order. Providers of services identified in the 455 plan shall report any material noncompliance to the community services board.

456 B. If the community services board determines that the minor materially failed to comply with the 457 order, it shall file with the juvenile and domestic relations district court for the jurisdiction in which the 458 minor resides a motion for review of the mandatory outpatient treatment order as provided in 459 § 16.1-345.4. The community services board shall file the motion for review of the mandatory outpatient 460 treatment order within three business days of making that determination, or within 24 hours if the minor is being detained under a temporary detention order, and shall recommend an appropriate disposition. 461 462 Copies of the motion for review shall be sent to the minor, his parents, his attorney, and his guardian 463 ad litem.

464 C. If the community services board determines that the minor is not materially complying with the 465 mandatory outpatient treatment order or for any other reason, and that because of mental illness, the 466 minor (i) presents a serious danger to himself or others to the extent that severe or irremediable injury 467 is likely to result, as evidenced by recent acts or threats or (ii) is experiencing a serious deterioration of 468 his ability to care for himself in a developmentally age-appropriate manner, as evidenced by delusionary 469 thinking or by a significant impairment of functioning in hydration, nutrition, self-protection, or 470 self-control, it shall immediately request that the magistrate issue an emergency custody order or a 471 temporary detention order pursuant to § 16.1-340.

472 D. If the community services board determines at any time prior to the expiration of the mandatory 473 outpatient treatment order that the minor has complied with the order and that continued mandatory 474 outpatient treatment is no longer necessary, it shall file a motion to review the order with the juvenile 475 and domestic relations district court for the jurisdiction in which the minor resides. The court shall 476 schedule a hearing and provide notice of the hearing in accordance with subsection A of § 16.1-345.4. 477

§ 16.1-345.4. Court review of mandatory outpatient treatment plan.

478 A. The juvenile and domestic relations district court judge shall hold a hearing within 15 days after 479 receiving the motion for review of the mandatory outpatient treatment plan; however, if the fifteenth day 480 is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the hearing shall be held on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. If the minor is being detained under a temporary detention order, **481** 482 the hearing shall be scheduled within the same time frame provided for a commitment hearing under § 16.1-340. The clerk shall provide notice of the hearing to the minor, his parents, the community 483

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484 services board, all treatment providers listed in the comprehensive mandatory outpatient treatment 485 order, and the original petitioner for the minor's involuntary treatment. If the minor is not represented 486 by counsel, the judge shall appoint an attorney to represent the minor in this hearing and any 487 subsequent hearings under § 16.1-345.5, giving consideration to appointing the attorney who represented 488 the minor at the proceeding that resulted in the issuance of the mandatory outpatient treatment order. The judge shall also appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor. The community services board shall 489 **490** offer to arrange the minor's transportation to the hearing if the minor is not detained and has no other 491 source of transportation.

492 B. If requested by the minor's parents, the community services board, a treatment provider listed in 493 the comprehensive mandatory outpatient treatment plan, or the original petitioner for the minor's 494 involuntary treatment, the juvenile and domestic relations district court judge may order an evaluation 495 and appoint an evaluator in accordance with § 16.1-342 who shall personally examine the minor and 496 certify to the court whether or not he has probable cause to believe that the minor meets the criteria for 497 involuntary inpatient treatment or mandatory outpatient treatment as specified in § 16.1-345 and subsection A of § 16.1-345.2. The evaluator's report may be admitted into evidence without the 498 499 appearance of the evaluator at the hearing if not objected to by the minor or his attorney. If the minor 500 is not detained in an inpatient facility, the community services board shall arrange for the minor to be 501 examined at a convenient location and time. The community services board shall offer to arrange for the 502 minor's transportation to the examination, if the minor has no other source of transportation. If the 503 minor refuses or fails to appear, the community services board shall notify the court, and the court shall 504 issue a mandatory examination order and a civil show cause summons. The minor shall remain in 505 custody until a temporary detention order is issued or until the minor is released but in no event shall 506 the period exceed four hours.

507 C. If the minor fails to appear for the hearing, the juvenile and domestic relations district court 508 judge shall, after consideration of any evidence from the minor, from his parents, from the community 509 services board, or from any treatment provider identified in the mandatory outpatient treatment plan 510 regarding why the minor failed to appear at the hearing, either (i) reschedule the hearing pursuant to 511 subsection A, (ii) issue an emergency custody order pursuant to § 16.1-340, or (iii) issue a temporary 512 detention order pursuant to § 16.1-340.

513 D. After hearing the evidence regarding the minor's material noncompliance with the mandatory 514 outpatient treatment order and the minor's current condition, and any other relevant information, the 515 juvenile and domestic relations district court judge may make one of the following dispositions:

516 1. Upon finding by clear and convincing evidence that the minor meets the criteria for involuntary
517 admission and treatment specified in § 16.1-345, the judge shall order the minor's involuntary admission
518 to a facility designated by the community services board for a period of treatment not to exceed 30
519 days;

520 2. Upon finding that the minor continues to meet the criteria for mandatory outpatient treatment 521 specified in subsection A of § 16.1-345.2, and that a continued period of mandatory outpatient treatment 522 appears warranted, the judge may renew the order for mandatory outpatient treatment, making any 523 necessary modifications that are acceptable to the community services board or treatment provider 524 responsible for the minor's treatment. In determining the appropriateness of outpatient treatment, the 525 court may consider the minor's material noncompliance with the previous mandatory treatment order; or 526 3. Upon finding that neither of the above dispositions is appropriate, the judge may rescind the 527 order for mandatory outpatient treatment.

**528** Upon entry of an order for involuntary inpatient admission, transportation shall be provided in accordance with § 16.1-345.

- 530 E. For the purposes of this section, "juvenile and domestic relations district court judge" shall not 531 include a special justice as authorized by § 37.2-803.
- *§ 16.1-345.5. Continuation of mandatory outpatient treatment order.*

A. At any time within 30 days prior to the expiration of a mandatory outpatient treatment order, the
community services board that is required to monitor the minor's compliance with the order may file
with the juvenile and domestic relations district court for the jurisdiction in which the minor resides a
motion for review to continue the order for a period not to exceed 90 days.

B. The court shall grant the motion for review and enter an appropriate order without further
hearing if it is joined by (i) the minor's parents and the minor if he is 14 years of age or older, or (ii)
the minor's parents if the minor is younger than 14 years of age. If the minor's parents and the minor,
if necessary, do not join the motion, the court shall schedule a hearing and provide notice of the
hearing in accordance with subsection A of § 16.1-345.4.

542 C. Upon receipt of the motion for review, the court shall appoint a qualified evaluator who shall 543 personally examine the minor pursuant to § 16.1-342.

544 D. After observing the minor and considering the appointed qualified evaluator's report and any

545 other relevant evidence, the court may make one of the dispositions specified in subsection D of 546 § 16.1-345.4. If the court finds that a continued period of mandatory outpatient treatment is warranted, 547 it may continue the order for a period not to exceed 90 days. Any order of mandatory outpatient 548 treatment that is in effect at the time a motion for review for the continuation of the order is filed shall 549 remain in effect until the court enters a subsequent order in the case.

550 E. For the purposes of this section, the "court" shall not include a special justice as authorized in 551 § 37.2-803.

§ 37.2-808. Emergency custody; issuance and execution of order.

552 553 A. Any magistrate shall issue, upon the sworn petition of any responsible person, treating physician, 554 or upon his own motion, an emergency custody order when he has probable cause to believe that any 555 person (i) has a mental illness and that there exists a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental 556 illness, the person will, in the near future, (a) cause serious physical harm to himself or others as 557 evidenced by recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm and other relevant information, if 558 any, or (b) suffer serious harm due to his lack of capacity to protect himself from harm or to provide 559 for his basic human needs, (ii) is in need of hospitalization or treatment, and (iii) is unwilling to 560 volunteer or incapable of volunteering for hospitalization or treatment, except that an emergency custody order for a minor pursuant to § 16.1-340 shall only be issued if the minor meets the criteria for 561 562 involuntary commitment set forth in § 16.1-345. Any emergency custody order entered pursuant to this 563 section shall provide for the disclosure of medical records pursuant to § 37.2-804.2. This subsection shall 564 not preclude any other disclosures as required or permitted by law.

565 When considering whether there is probable cause to issue an emergency custody order, the 566 magistrate may, in addition to the petition, consider (1) the recommendations of any treating or 567 examining physician or psychologist licensed in Virginia, if available, (2) any past actions of the person, 568 (3) any past mental health treatment of the person, (4) any relevant hearsay evidence, (5) any medical records available, (6) any affidavits submitted, if the witness is unavailable and it so states in the 569 570 affidavit, and (7) any other information available that the magistrate considers relevant to the 571 determination of whether probable cause exists to issue an emergency custody order.

572 B. Any person for whom an emergency custody order is issued shall be taken into custody and 573 transported to a convenient location to be evaluated to determine whether the person meets the criteria 574 for temporary detention pursuant to § 37.2-809 and to assess the need for hospitalization or treatment. 575 The evaluation shall be made by a person designated by the community services board who is skilled in 576 the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and who has completed a certification program approved 577 by the Department.

578 C. The magistrate issuing an emergency custody order shall specify the primary law-enforcement 579 agency and jurisdiction to execute the emergency custody order and provide transportation. 580 Transportation under this section shall include transportation to a medical facility as may be necessary to 581 obtain emergency medical evaluation or treatment that shall be conducted immediately in accordance with state and federal law. Transportation under this section shall include transportation to a medical 582 583 facility for a medical evaluation if a physician at the hospital in which the person subject to the 584 emergency custody order may be detained requires a medical evaluation prior to admission.

585 D. The magistrate shall order the primary law-enforcement agency from the jurisdiction served by the 586 community services board that designated the person to perform the evaluation required in subsection B 587 to execute the order and provide transportation. If the community services board serves more than one jurisdiction, the magistrate shall designate the primary law-enforcement agency from the particular 588 589 jurisdiction within the community services board's service area where the person who is the subject of 590 the emergency custody order was taken into custody or, if the person has not yet been taken into 591 custody, the primary law-enforcement agency from the jurisdiction where the person is presently located 592 to execute the order and provide transportation.

593 E. The law-enforcement agency providing transportation pursuant to this section may transfer custody 594 of the person to the facility or location to which the person is transported for the evaluation required in 595 subsection B or G if the facility or location (i) is licensed to provide the level of security necessary to 596 protect both the person and others from harm, (ii) is actually capable of providing the level of security 597 necessary to protect the person and others from harm, and (iii) has entered into an agreement or **598** memorandum of understanding with the law-enforcement agency setting forth the terms and conditions 599 under which it will accept a transfer of custody, provided, however, that the facility or location may not require the law-enforcement agency to pay any fees or costs for the transfer of custody. 600

601 F. A law-enforcement officer may lawfully go to or be sent beyond the territorial limits of the 602 county, city, or town in which he serves to any point in the Commonwealth for the purpose of executing 603 an emergency custody order pursuant to this section.

604 G. A law-enforcement officer who, based upon his observation or the reliable reports of others, has 605 probable cause to believe that a person meets the criteria for emergency custody as stated in this section

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606 may take that person into custody and transport that person to an appropriate location to assess the need
 607 for hospitalization or treatment without prior authorization. Such evaluation shall be conducted
 608 immediately.

609 H. Nothing herein shall preclude a law-enforcement officer from obtaining emergency medical
 610 treatment or further medical evaluation at any time for a person in his custody as provided in this
 611 section.

612 I. The person shall remain in custody until a temporary detention order is issued, until the person is 613 released, or until the emergency custody order expires. An emergency custody order shall be valid for a 614 period not to exceed four hours from the time of execution. However, upon a finding by a magistrate that good cause exists to grant an extension, an emergency custody order may be renewed one time for 615 616 a second period not to exceed two hours. Good cause for an extension includes the need for additional 617 time to allow (i) the community services board to identify a suitable facility in which the person can be temporarily detained pursuant to § 37.2-809 or (ii) a medical evaluation of the person to be completed if 618 619 necessary. Any family member, as defined in § 37.2-100, employee or designee of the local community 620 services board as defined in § 37.2-809, treating physician, or law-enforcement officer may request the 621 two-hour extension.

J. If an emergency custody order is not executed within four hours of its issuance, the order shall be
void and shall be returned unexecuted to the office of the clerk of the issuing court or, if such office is
not open, to any magistrate serving the jurisdiction of the issuing court.

K. Payments shall be made pursuant to § 37.2-804 to licensed health care providers for medical screening and assessment services provided to persons with mental illnesses while in emergency custody.
 § 37.2-809. Involuntary temporary detention; issuance and execution of order.

628 A. For the purposes of this section:

629 "Designee of the local community services board" means an examiner designated by the local 630 community services board who (i) is skilled in the assessment and treatment of mental illness, (ii) has 631 completed a certification program approved by the Department, (iii) is able to provide an independent 632 examination of the person, (iv) is not related by blood or marriage to the person being evaluated, (v) has 633 no financial interest in the admission or treatment of the person being evaluated, (vi) has no investment 634 interest in the facility detaining or admitting the person under this article, and (vii) except for employees 635 of state hospitals and of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is not employed by the facility.

636 "Employee" means an employee of the local community services board who is skilled in the
637 assessment and treatment of mental illness and has completed a certification program approved by the
638 Department.

639 "Investment interest" means the ownership or holding of an equity or debt security, including shares
640 of stock in a corporation, interests or units of a partnership, bonds, debentures, notes, or other equity or
641 debt instruments.

642 B. A magistrate shall issue, upon the sworn petition of any responsible person, treating physician, or 643 upon his own motion and only after an evaluation conducted in-person or by means of a two-way 644 electronic video and audio communication system as authorized in § 37.2-804.1 by an employee or a 645 designee of the local community services board to determine whether the person meets the criteria for 646 temporary detention, a temporary detention order if it appears from all evidence readily available, including any recommendation from a physician or clinical psychologist treating the person, that the 647 **648** person (i) has a mental illness and that there exists a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental 649 illness, the person will, in the near future, (a) cause serious physical harm to himself or others as 650 evidenced by recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm and other relevant information, if 651 any, or (b) suffer serious harm due to his lack of capacity to protect himself from harm or to provide 652 for his basic human needs, (ii) is in need of hospitalization or treatment, and (iii) is unwilling to 653 volunteer or incapable of volunteering for hospitalization or treatment, except that a temporary detention 654 order for a minor pursuant to § 16.1-340 shall only be issued if the minor meets the criteria for 655 involuntary commitment set forth in § 16.1-345. The magistrate shall also consider the recommendations 656 of any treating or examining physician licensed in Virginia if available either verbally or in writing prior 657 to rendering a decision. Any temporary detention order entered pursuant to this section shall provide for 658 the disclosure of medical records pursuant to § 37.2-804.2. This subsection shall not preclude any other 659 disclosures as required or permitted by law.

660 C. When considering whether there is probable cause to issue a temporary detention order, the 661 magistrate may, in addition to the petition, consider (i) the recommendations of any treating or 662 examining physician or psychologist licensed in Virginia, if available, (ii) any past actions of the person, 663 (iii) any past mental health treatment of the person, (iv) any relevant hearsay evidence, (v) any medical 664 records available, (vi) any affidavits submitted, if the witness is unavailable and it so states in the 665 affidavit, and (vii) any other information available that the magistrate considers relevant to the 666 determination of whether probable cause exists to issue a temporary detention order. b. A magistrate may issue a temporary detention order without an emergency custody order
proceeding. A magistrate may issue a temporary detention order without a prior evaluation pursuant to
subsection B if (i) the person has been personally examined within the previous 72 hours by an
employee or a designee of the local community services board or (ii) there is a significant physical,
psychological, or medical risk to the person or to others associated with conducting such evaluation.

672 E. An employee or a designee of the local community services board shall determine the facility of 673 temporary detention for all individuals detained pursuant to this section. The facility of temporary 674 detention shall be one that has been approved pursuant to regulations of the Board. The facility shall be 675 identified on the preadmission screening report and indicated on the temporary detention order. Except 676 as provided in § 37.2-811 for defendants requiring hospitalization in accordance with subdivision A 2 of 677 § 19.2-169.6, the person shall not be detained in a jail or other place of confinement for persons charged 678 with criminal offenses and shall remain in the custody of law enforcement until the person is either 679 detained within a secure facility or custody has been accepted by the appropriate personnel designated 680 by the facility identified in the temporary detention order.

F. Any facility caring for a person placed with it pursuant to a temporary detention order is 681 682 authorized to provide emergency medical and psychiatric services within its capabilities when the facility determines that the services are in the best interests of the person within its care. The costs incurred as a 683 684 result of the hearings and by the facility in providing services during the period of temporary detention shall be paid and recovered pursuant to § 37.2-804. The maximum costs reimbursable by the 685 Commonwealth pursuant to this section shall be established by the State Board of Medical Assistance 686 **687** Services based on reasonable criteria. The State Board of Medical Assistance Services shall, by 688 regulation, establish a reasonable rate per day of inpatient care for temporary detention.

689 G. The employee or the designee of the local community services board who is conducting the
690 evaluation pursuant to this section shall determine, prior to the issuance of the temporary detention
691 order, the insurance status of the person. Where coverage by a third party payor exists, the facility
692 seeking reimbursement under this section shall first seek reimbursement from the third party payor. The
693 Commonwealth shall reimburse the facility only for the balance of costs remaining after the allowances
694 covered by the third party payor have been received.

695 H. The duration of temporary detention shall be sufficient to allow for completion of the examination 696 required by § 37.2-815, preparation of the preadmission screening report required by § 37.2-816, and **697** initiation of mental health treatment to stabilize the person's psychiatric condition to avoid involuntary commitment where possible, but shall not exceed 48 hours prior to a hearing. If the 48-hour period **698** 699 herein specified terminates on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the person may be detained, as 700 herein provided, until the close of business on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal 701 holiday. The person may be released, pursuant to § 37.2-813, before the 48-hour period herein specified 702 has run.

703 I. If a temporary detention order is not executed within 24 hours of its issuance, or within a shorter 704 period as is specified in the order, the order shall be void and shall be returned unexecuted to the office 705 of the clerk of the issuing court or, if the office is not open, to any magistrate serving the jurisdiction of 706 the issuing court. Subsequent orders may be issued upon the original petition within 96 hours after the petition is filed. However, a magistrate must again obtain the advice of an employee or a designee of 707 708 the local community services board prior to issuing a subsequent order upon the original petition. Any petition for which no temporary detention order or other process in connection therewith is served on 709 710 the subject of the petition within 96 hours after the petition is filed shall be void and shall be returned 711 to the office of the clerk of the issuing court.

712 J. The chief judge of each general district court shall establish and require that a magistrate, as 713 provided by this section, be available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, for the purpose of performing 714 the duties established by this section. Each community services board shall provide to each general 715 district court and magistrate's office within its service area a list of its employees and designees who are 716 available to perform the evaluations required herein.

717 K. For purposes of this section a healthcare provider or designee of a local community services
718 board or behavioral health authority shall not be required to encrypt any email containing information or
719 medical records provided to a magistrate unless there is reason to believe that a third party will attempt
720 to intercept the email.

L. The employee or designee of the community services board who is conducting the evaluation
pursuant to this section shall, if he recommends that the person should not be subject to a temporary
detention order, inform the petitioner and an on-site treating physician of his recommendation.