## CHAPTER 726

*An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-1530 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.*

[H 736]

Approved April 13, 2010

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

**1. That § 63.2-1530 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 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:

*1. From the Department:* (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 *clause* (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.

*2. The Department of State Police shall report annually, in a format approved by the Department of Social Services, arrest and disposition statistics for violations of §§ 18.2-48, 18.2-61, 18.2-63, 18.2-64.1, 18.2-67.1, 18.2-67.2, 18.2-67.3, 18.2-67.4, 18.2-355, 18.2-361, 18.2-366, 18.2-370 through 18.2-370.2, 18.2-371, 18.2-371.1, 18.2-374.1, 18.2-374.1:1, 18.2-374.3, 18.2-387, and 40.1-103 for inclusion in the Child Protection Accountability System.*

*3. From every circuit court in the Commonwealth for which data is available through the statewide Case Management System: (i) the total number of (a) misdemeanor convictions appealed from the district court to the circuit court, (b) felony charges certified from the district court to the circuit court, and (c) charges brought by direct indictment in the circuit court that involve a violation of any code section set forth in subdivision B 2; (ii) the total number of cases appealed, certified, or transferred to the court or brought by direct indictment in the circuit court involving a violation of any code section set forth in subdivision B 2 that result in a trial, including the number of bench trials and the number of jury trials; and (iii) the total number of trials involving a violation of any code section set forth in subdivision B 2 resulting in (a) a plea agreement, (b) transfer to another court, (c) a finding of not guilty, (d) conviction on a lesser included offense, or (e) conviction on all charges, by type of trial. Information required to be reported pursuant to subdivisions B 1, B 2, and B 3 shall be reported annually in a format approved by the Department of Social Services and aggregated by locality.*

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.