# **2010 SESSION**

10104957D **HOUSE BILL NO. 311** 1 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 3 (Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice 4 5 6 on February 10, 2010) (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate O'Bannon) A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 19.2-169.6, 19.2-174.1, 19.2-175, 19.2-178, 19.2-389, 32.1-127.1:03. 7 37.2-803, 37.2-804, 37.2-809, and 37.2-811 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 19.2-176 and 8 19.2-177.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the hospitalization of inmates in local correctional 9 facilities. 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That §§ 19.2-169.6, 19.2-174.1, 19.2-175, 19.2-178, 19.2-389, 32.1-127.1:03, 37.2-803, 37.2-804, 11 37.2-809, and 37.2-811 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: 12 13 § 19.2-169.6. Inpatient psychiatric hospital admission from local correctional facility. 14 A. Any defendant inmate of a local correctional facility who is not subject to the provisions of 15 § 19.2-169.2 may be hospitalized for psychiatric treatment prior to trial at a hospital designated by the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as appropriate for treatment of persons 16 17 under criminal charge if: 18 1. The court with jurisdiction over the defendant's inmate's case, only after a face to face evaluation by an employee or designee of the local community services board or behavioral health authority who is 19 20 skilled in the assessment and treatment of mental illness and who has completed a certification program 21 approved by the Department as provided in § 37.2-809 if it is still pending, on the petition of the person 22 having custody over an inmate or on its own motion, holds a hearing at which the inmate is represented 23 by counsel and finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant (i) is being properly detained 24 in jail prior to trial; (ii) (i) the inmate has a mental illness and that; (ii) there exists a substantial 25 likelihood that, as a result of a mental illness, the defendant inmate will, in the near future, cause serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior causing, attempting, or 26 27 threatening harm and other relevant information, if any, in the opinion of a qualified mental health 28 professional; and (iii) the inmate requires treatment in a hospital rather than the jail in the opinion of a 29 qualified mental health professional local correctional facility. Prior to making this determination, the 30 court shall consider the examination conducted in accordance with § 37.2-815 and the preadmission screening report prepared in accordance with § 37.2-816 and conducted in-person or by means of a 31 32 two-way electronic video and audio communication system as authorized in § 37.2-804.1 by an employee 33 or designee of the local community services board or behavioral health authority who is skilled in the 34 assessment and treatment of mental illness, who is not providing treatment to the inmate, and who has completed a certification program approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as provided in § 37.2-809. The examiner appointed pursuant to § 37.2-815, if not physically 35 36 present at the hearing, shall be available whenever possible for questioning during the hearing through 37 38 a two-way electronic video and audio or telephonic communication system as authorized in 39 § 37.2-804.1. Any employee or designee of the local community services board or behavioral health 40 authority, as defined in § 37.2-809, representing the board or authority that prepared the preadmission 41 screening report shall attend the hearing in person or, if physical attendance is not practicable, shall 42 participate in the hearing through a two-way electronic video and audio communication system as authorized in § 37.2-804.1. When the hearing is held outside the service area of the community services 43 44 board or behavioral health authority that prepared the preadmission screening report, and it is not practicable for a representative of the board or authority to attend or participate in the hearing, 45 arrangements shall be made by the board or authority for an employee or designee of the board or 46 47 authority serving the area in which the hearing is held to attend or participate on behalf of the board **48** or authority that prepared the preadmission screening report; or 49 2. The Upon petition by the person having custody over a defendant who is awaiting trial has 50 reasonable an inmate, a magistrate finds probable cause to believe that (i) the defendant (i) inmate has a mental illness and that; (ii) there exists a substantial likelihood that, as a result of a mental illness, the 51

defendant inmate will, in the near future, cause serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced 52 53 by recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm and other relevant information, if  $any_{\overline{z}}$ ; and 54 (ii) (iii) the inmate requires treatment in a hospital rather than jail and the person having such custody 55 arranges a face to face evaluation a local correctional facility, and the magistrate issues a temporary detention order for the inmate. Prior to the filing of the petition, the person having custody shall 56 arrange for an evaluation of the inmate conducted in-person or by means of a two-way electronic video 57 and audio communication system as authorized in § 37.2-804.1 by an employee or designee of the local 58 59 community services board or behavioral health authority who is skilled in the assessment and treatment

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60 of mental illness and who has completed a certification program approved by the Department as 61 provided in § 37.2-809 provided a district court judge or a special justice, as defined in § 37.2-100 or, if 62 a judge or special justice is not available, a magistrate, upon the advice of a person skilled in the 63 diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, subsequently issues a temporary detention order for treatment 64 in accordance with the procedures specified in §§ 37.2-809 through 37.2-813. In no event shall the defendant have the right to make application for voluntary admission and treatment as may be otherwise 65 66 provided in § 37.2-805 or 37.2-814. After considering the evaluation of the employee or designee of the local community services board or behavioral health authority, and any other information presented, 67 68 and finding that probable cause exists to meet the criteria, the magistrate may issue a temporary detention order in accordance with the applicable procedures specified in §§ 37.2-809 through 37.2-813. 69 The person having custody over the inmate shall notify the court having jurisdiction over the inmate's 70 case, if it is still pending, and the inmate's attorney prior to the detention pursuant to a temporary 71 72 detention order or as soon thereafter as is reasonable.

73 If the defendant is committed pursuant to subdivision 1 of this subsection, the attorney for the 74 defendant shall be notified that the court is considering hospitalizing the defendant for psychiatric 75 treatment and shall have the opportunity to challenge the findings of the qualified mental health 76 professional. If the defendant is detained pursuant to subdivision 2 of this subsection, the court having 77 iurisdiction over the defendant's case and the attorney for the defendant shall be given notice prior to the 78 detention pursuant to a temporary detention order or as soon thereafter as is reasonable. Upon detention 79 pursuant to this subdivision 2 of this subsection, a hearing shall be held, upon notice to the attorney for 80 the defendant, either (i) (a) before the court having jurisdiction over the defendant's inmate's case or (ii) (b) before a district court judge or a special justice, as defined in § 37.2-100, in accordance with the 81 provisions of § 37.2-820 §§ 37.2-815 through 37.2-821, in which case the defendant inmate shall be 82 represented by counsel as specified in § 37.2-814; the. The hearing shall be held within 48 hours of 83 84 execution of the temporary detention order to allow the court that hears the case to make the findings, 85 based upon clear and convincing evidence, that are specified in subdivision 1 of this subsection issued 86 pursuant to this subdivision. If the 48-hour period herein specified terminates on a Saturday, Sunday, or 87 legal holiday, or day on which the court is lawfully closed, the person inmate may be detained for the 88 same period allowed for detention pursuant to a temporary detention order issued pursuant to 89 <u>\$\$ 37.2 809</u> through 37.2-813 until the close of business on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, 90 legal holiday, or day on which the court is lawfully closed. Any employee or designee of the local 91 community services board or behavioral health authority, as defined in § 37.2-809, representing the board or authority that prepared the preadmission screening report shall attend the hearing in person 92 93 or, if physical attendance is not practicable, shall participate in the hearing through a two-way electronic video and audio communication system as authorized in § 37.2-804.1. When the hearing is held outside the service area of the community services board or behavioral health authority that 94 95 96 prepared the preadmission screening report, and it is not practicable for a representative of the board 97 or authority to attend or participate in the hearing, arrangements shall be made by the board or 98 authority for an employee or designee of the board or authority serving the area in which the hearing is 99 held to attend or participate on behalf of the board or authority that prepared the preadmission 100 screening report. The judge or special justice conducting the hearing may order the inmate hospitalized if, after considering the examination conducted in accordance with § 37.2-815, the preadmission 101 102 screening report prepared in accordance with § 37.2-816, and any other available information as specified in subsection C of § 37.2-817, he finds by clear and convincing evidence that (1) the inmate 103 has a mental illness; (2) there exists a substantial likelihood that, as a result of a mental illness, the 104 inmate will, in the near future, cause serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent 105 behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm and other relevant information, if any; and (3) the 106 107 inmate requires treatment in a hospital rather than a local correctional facility. The examiner appointed 108 pursuant to § 37.2-815, if not physically present at the hearing, shall be available whenever possible for 109 questioning during the hearing through a two-way electronic video and audio or telephonic communication system as authorized in § 37.2-804.1. The examination and the preadmission screening 110 111 report shall be admitted into evidence at the hearing.

B. In no event shall an inmate have the right to make application for voluntary admission as may be otherwise provided in § 37.2-805 or 37.2-814 or be subject to an order for mandatory outpatient treatment as provided in § 37.2-817.

In any case in which the defendant C. If an inmate is hospitalized pursuant to this section and his criminal case is still pending, the court having jurisdiction over the defendant's inmate's case may provide by order that the admitting hospital evaluate the defendant's inmate's competency to stand trial and his mental state at the time of the offense pursuant to §§ 19.2-169.1 and 19.2-169.5.

119 B. A defendant subject to this section shall be treated at a hospital designated by the Commissioner 120 as appropriate for treatment and evaluation of persons under criminal charge. The director of the hospital 121 shall, within 30 days of the defendant's admission, send a report to the court with jurisdiction over the

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122 defendant addressing the defendant's continued need for treatment for a mental illness and the continued 123 substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental illness, the defendant will, in the near future, cause 124 serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior causing, attempting, or 125 threatening such harm and other relevant information, if any, and, if so ordered by the court, the 126 defendant's competency to stand trial, pursuant to subsection D of § 19.2-169.1, and his mental state at 127 the time of the offense, pursuant to subsection D of § 19.2-169.5. Based on this report, the court shall 128 (i) find the defendant incompetent to stand trial pursuant to subsection E of  $\S$  19.2-169.1 and proceed 129 accordingly, (ii) order that the defendant be discharged from custody pending trial, (iii) order that the 130 defendant be returned to jail pending trial, or (iv) make other appropriate disposition, including dismissal 131 of charges and release of the defendant.

132 C. A defendant D. An inmate may not be hospitalized longer than 30 days under this section 133 subsection A unless the court which has criminal jurisdiction over him or a district court judge or a 134 special justice, as defined in § 37.2-100, holds a hearing at which the defendant shall be represented by 135 an attorney and finds clear and convincing evidence that the defendant continues to (i) have a mental 136 illness and that there continues to exist a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental illness, the 137 defendant will, in the near future, cause serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced by 138 recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm and other relevant information, if any, and (ii) 139 be in need of psychiatric treatment in a hospital and orders the inmate's continued hospitalization in 140 accordance with the provisions of subdivision A 2. If the inmate's hospitalization is continued under this 141 subsection by a court other than the court which has jurisdiction over his criminal case, the facility at 142 which the inmate is hospitalized shall notify the court with jurisdiction over his criminal case and the 143 inmate's attorney in the criminal case, if the case is still pending.

144 E. Hospitalization may be extended in this manner accordance with subsection D for periods of 60 145 days for inmates awaiting trial, but in no event may such hospitalization be continued beyond trial, nor 146 shall such hospitalization act to delay trial, so as long as the defendant inmate remains competent to 147 stand trial. Hospitalization may be extended in accordance with subsection D for periods of 180 days for 148 an inmate who has been convicted and not yet sentenced, or for an inmate who has been convicted of a 149 crime and is in the custody of a local correctional facility after sentencing, but in no event may such 150 hospitalization be continued beyond the date upon which his sentence would have expired had he 151 received the maximum sentence for the crime charged. Any inmate who has not completed service of his 152 sentence upon discharge from the hospital shall serve the remainder of his sentence.

F. For any inmate who has been convicted and not yet sentenced, or who has been convicted of a crime and is in the custody of a local correctional facility after sentencing, the time the inmate is confined in a hospital for psychiatric treatment shall be deducted from any term for which he may be sentenced to any penal institution, reformatory or elsewhere.

157  $\oplus G$ . Any health care provider, as defined in § 32.1-127.1:03, or other provider rendering services to 158 a defendant an inmate who is the subject of a proceeding under this section,  $\frac{192-176}{5}$ , or  $\frac{192-177.1}{5}$ , 159 upon request, shall disclose to a magistrate, the court, the defendant's inmate's attorney, the defendant's 160 inmate's guardian ad litem, the qualified mental health professional examiner appointed pursuant to § 37.2-815, the community service board or behavioral health authority performing the evaluation, 161 162 preparing the preadmission screening, or monitoring duties under these sections pursuant to § 37.2-816, or the sheriff or administrator of the jail local correctional facility any and all information that is 163 necessary and appropriate to enable each of them to perform his duties under these sections. 164 165 These health care providers and other service providers shall disclose to one another health records and 166 information where necessary to provide care and treatment to the defendant inmate and to monitor that care and treatment. Health records disclosed to a sheriff or administrator of the jail local correctional 167 168 facility shall be limited to information necessary to protect the sheriff or administrator of the jail local 169 *correctional facility* and his employees, the defendant *inmate*, or the public from physical injury or to 170 address the health care needs of the defendant inmate. Information disclosed to a law-enforcement 171 officer shall not be used for any other purpose, disclosed to 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.

176 EH. Any order entered where a defendant *an inmate* is the subject of proceedings under this section, 177  $\frac{9}{19.2-176}$ , or  $\frac{19.2-177.1}{19.2-177.1}$  shall provide for the disclosure of medical records pursuant to subsection D G. 178 This subsection shall not preclude any other disclosures as required or permitted by law.

179 § 19.2-174.1. Information required prior to admission to a mental health facility.

- 180 Prior to any person being placed into the custody of the Commissioner for evaluation or treatment
- **181** pursuant to \$\$ 19.2-169.2, 19.2-169.3, 19.2-169.6,  $\frac{19.2-176}{19.2-176}$ ,  $\frac{19.2-177.1}{19.2-182.2}$ , and 19.2-182.3, and Chapter 9 (\$ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2, the court or special justice shall provide the Commissioner

183 with the following, if available: (i) the commitment order, (ii) the names and addresses for the attorney 184 for the Commonwealth, the attorney for the person and the judge holding jurisdiction over the person, 185 (iii) a copy of the warrant or indictment, and (iv) a copy of the criminal incident information as defined 186 in § 2.2-3701 or a copy of the arrest report or a summary of the facts relating to the crime. The party 187 requesting the placement into the Commissioner's custody or, in the case of admissions pursuant to 188 \$ 19.2-169.3, and 19.2-169.6,  $\frac{19.2-176}{5}$ , and  $\frac{19.2-177.1}{5}$ , and Chapter 9 (\$ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 189 37.2, the person having custody over the defendant or inmate shall gather the above information for 190 submission to the court at the hearing. If the information is not available at the hearing, it shall be 191 provided by the party requesting placement or the person having custody directly to the Commissioner 192 within ninety-six 96 hours of the person being placed into the Commissioner's custody. If the ninety-six-hour 96-hour period expires on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the ninety-six 96 hours 193 194 shall be extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. 195

§ 19.2-175. Compensation of experts.

196 Each psychiatrist, clinical psychologist or other expert appointed by the court to render professional service pursuant to §§ 19.2-168.1, 19.2-169.1, 19.2-169.5, subsection A of § 19.2-176, §§ 19.2-182.8, 197 198 19.2-182.9, 19.2-264.3:1, 19.2-264.3:3 or 19.2-301, who is not regularly employed by the 199 Commonwealth of Virginia except by the University of Virginia School of Medicine and the Medical 200 College of Virginia Commonwealth University, shall receive a reasonable fee for such service. For any 201 psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, or other expert appointed by the court to render such professional 202 services who is regularly employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, except by the University of 203 Virginia School of Medicine or the Medical College of Virginia Commonwealth University, the fee shall 204 be paid only for professional services provided during nonstate hours that have been approved by his employing agency as being beyond the scope of his state employment duties. The fee shall be determined in each instance by the court that appointed the expert, in accordance with guidelines 205 206 207 established by the Supreme Court after consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and 208 Developmental Services. Except in capital murder cases the fee shall not exceed \$750, but in addition if 209 any such expert is required to appear as a witness in any hearing held pursuant to such sections, he shall 210 receive mileage and a fee of \$100 for each day during which he is required so to serve. An itemized 211 account of expense, duly sworn to, must be presented to the court, and when allowed shall be certified 212 to the Supreme Court for payment out of the state treasury, and be charged against the appropriations 213 made to pay criminal charges. Allowance for the fee and for the per diem authorized shall also be made 214 by order of the court, duly certified to the Supreme Court for payment out of the appropriation to pay 215 criminal charges. 216

§ 19.2-178. Where prisoner kept when no vacancy in facility or hospital.

When a court shall have entered any of the orders provided for in §§ 19.2-168.1, 19.2-169.1, 217 218 19.2-169.5, or 19.2-169.6, 19.2-176, or § 19.2-177.1, the sheriff of the county or city or the proper 219 officer of the penal institution shall immediately proceed to ascertain whether a vacancy exists at the 220 proper facility or hospital and until it is ascertained that there is a vacancy such person shall be kept in 221 the jail of such county or city or in such custody as the court may order, or in the penal institution in 222 which he is confined, until there is room in such facility or hospital. Any person whose care and 223 custody is herein provided for shall be taken to and from the facility or hospital to which he was 224 committed by an officer of the penal institution having custody of him, or by the sheriff of the county 225 or city whose court issued the order of commitment, and the expenses incurred in such removals shall 226 be paid by such penal institution, county or city.

§ 19.2-389. Dissemination of criminal history record information.

228 A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an 229 intermediary, only to:

230 1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for 231 purposes of the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or 232 review of employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and 233 dissemination to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all 234 state-responsible inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 235 3, and 5 of § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days;

236 2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement 237 a state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that 238 expressly refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such 239 conduct, except that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a 240 noncriminal justice agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the 241 arrest and no disposition of the charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is 242 pending:

243 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide 244 services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall

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245 specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the 246 security and confidentiality of the data;

247 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities 248 pursuant to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, 249 limit the use of data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and 250 security of the data;

251 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive 252 order of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining 253 employment suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information; 6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule; 254

255 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth for the conduct of investigations of 256 applicants for public employment, permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or 257 safety, it is necessary to determine under a duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a 258 person with a conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment, permit, or 259 license under consideration;

260 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate 261 compact to investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the 262 adult members of that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or 263 from whom the agency is considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency, 264 temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that 265 the data shall not be further disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as 266 may be required to comply with an express requirement of law;

267 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in 268 § 56-1, for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves 269 personal contact with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible 270 with the nature of the employment under consideration;

271 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international 272 travel, including but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

273 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in 274 § 9.1-101 at his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a 275 person who has applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of 276 America; (ii) a volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency 277 Families for Children; (iv) any affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse, Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of 278 Compeer; or (vi) any board member or any individual who has been offered membership on the board 279 of a Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in § 15.2-1713.1;

280 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child 281 welfare agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' 282 representative pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and 283 volunteers at such facilities, caretakers, and other adults living in family day-care homes or homes 284 approved by family day-care systems, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing 285 agencies, pursuant to §§ 63.2-1719 through 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be 286 further disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the Commissioner 287 of Social Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply 288 with an express requirement of law for such further dissemination;

289 13. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are 290 offered or who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a 291 report of arrest has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

292 14. The State Lottery Department for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the State Lottery 293 Law (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.), and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of 294 investigations as set forth in Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

295 15. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations 296 of applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital 297 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to 298 the limitations set out in subsection E:

299 16. Licensed homes for adults, licensed district homes for adults, and licensed adult day-care centers 300 for the conduct of investigations of applicants for compensated employment in licensed homes for adults 301 pursuant to § 63.2-1720, in licensed district homes for adults pursuant to § 63.1-189.1, and in licensed 302 adult day-care centers pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

303 17. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the conduct of investigations as set forth in 304 § 4.1-103.1;

305 18. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof in the course of

306 conducting necessary investigations with respect to registered voters, limited to any record of felony convictions; 307 308 19. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for those individuals who 309 are committed to the custody of the Commissioner pursuant to §§ 19.2-169.2, 19.2-169.6, 19.2-176, 310 <del>19.2-177.1,</del> 19.2-182.2, 19.2-182.3, 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 for the purpose of placement, evaluation, 311 and treatment planning; 312 20. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety 313 Action Program for (i) assessments of habitual offenders under § 46.2-360, (ii) interventions with first 314 offenders under § 18.2-251, or (iii) services to offenders under § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1; 315 21. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the 316 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual 317 318 services: 319 22. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to 320 321 departmental instructions; 322 23. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private or religious 323 elementary or secondary schools which are accredited by a statewide accrediting organization 324 recognized, prior to January 1, 1996, by the State Board of Education or a private organization 325 coordinating such records information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to 326 a written agreement with the Department of State Police; 327 24. Public and nonprofit private colleges and universities for the purpose of screening individuals 328 who are offered or accept employment; 329 25. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment 330 331 pursuant to §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607; 26. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of 332 333 determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607; 334 27. The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who 335 owe child support or who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided 336 that only the name, address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be 337 released; 338 28. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of 339 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the 340 purpose of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct consumer care position 341 has been convicted of a crime that affects their fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of persons with mental illness, mental retardation and substance abuse pursuant to 342 343 §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-506, and 37.2-607; 29. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants 344 345 for a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) 346 and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2; 30. The chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice of the Senate or the House of Delegates 347 348 for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any judgeship has been 349 convicted of a crime; 350 31. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of 351 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department of Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1. Dissemination of criminal 352 history record information to the agencies shall be limited to those positions generally described as 353 354 directly responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the general populace or protection of critical 355 infrastructures; 356 32. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under 357 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually 358 Violent Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.); 359 33. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design, 360 construction, overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary 361 companies, for the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities, 362 by contractors, leased laborers, and other visitors; 363 34. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for 364 the purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment; 35. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as 365 providers of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is 366

considering placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1,

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368 subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other369 than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of370 law for such further dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

371 36. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
372 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered,
373 or have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the
374 Medicaid Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other
375 program administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

376 37. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are members, 377 senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant for licensure as a mortgage lender or mortgage 378 broker, or a licensed mortgage lender or mortgage broker for the purpose of investigating individuals 379 applying for a position of employment in which the individual may have access to or process personal 380 identifying or financial information from a member of the public, pursuant to Chapter 16 (§ 6.1-408 et 381 seq.) of Title 6.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application for a mortgage lender or 382 mortgage broker license is denied based in whole or in part on information obtained from the Central 383 Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to § 6.1-414, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his 384 designee may disclose such information to the applicant or its designee;

385 38. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating386 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1; and

**387** 39. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

388 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records
389 requested may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal
390 Records Exchange to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons
391 designated in the order on whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

392 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to 393 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the 394 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a 395 copy of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; 396 however, such person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the 397 making of such request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further 398 disseminate that data as he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data 399 subject, the person making the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

400 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further.

402 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal403 history record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

404 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records Exchange prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be 405 406 reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is 407 being used. Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases 408 where time is of the essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary 409 time period. A criminal justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of 410 criminal history record information that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange may direct the inquirer to the Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. 411 412 Dissemination of information regarding offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be 413 made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the record as required by § 15.2-1722.

**414** E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care **415** organizations pursuant to subdivision 15 of subsection A shall be limited to the convictions on file with **416** the Exchange for any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities, licensed district homes
for adults, and licensed adult day-care centers pursuant to subdivision 16 of subsection A shall be
limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense specified in § 63.1-189.1 or
63.2-1720.

421 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision 35 of subsection 422 A shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense specified in § 63.2-1719.

H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal
Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the
Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in
the request to the employer or prospective employer making the request; provided that the person on
whom the data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has
presented a photo-identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data

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429 is maintained on the person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall 430 be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be 431 conducted on forms provided by the Exchange.

§ 32.1-127.1:03. Health records privacy.

433 A. There is hereby recognized an individual's right of privacy in the content of his health records. 434 Health records are the property of the health care entity maintaining them, and, except when permitted 435 or required by this section or by other provisions of state law, no health care entity, or other person 436 working in a health care setting, may disclose an individual's health records.

437 Pursuant to this subsection:

438 1. Health care entities shall disclose health records to the individual who is the subject of the health 439 record, except as provided in subsections E and F of this section and subsection B of § 8.01-413.

440 2. Health records shall not be removed from the premises where they are maintained without the 441 approval of the health care entity that maintains such health records, except in accordance with a court order or subpoena consistent with subsection C of § 8.01-413 or with this section or in accordance with 442 443 the regulations relating to change of ownership of health records promulgated by a health regulatory 444 board established in Title 54.1.

445 3. No person to whom health records are disclosed shall redisclose or otherwise reveal the health 446 records of an individual, beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made, without first 447 obtaining the individual's specific authorization to such redisclosure. This redisclosure prohibition shall 448 not, however, prevent (i) any health care entity that receives health records from another health care 449 entity from making subsequent disclosures as permitted under this section and the federal Department of 450 Health and Human Services regulations relating to privacy of the electronic transmission of data and protected health information promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (42 U.S.C. 451 452 453 § 1320d et seq.) or (ii) any health care entity from furnishing health records and aggregate or other data, from which individually identifying prescription information has been removed, encoded or encrypted, to 454 455 qualified researchers, including, but not limited to, pharmaceutical manufacturers and their agents or 456 contractors, for purposes of clinical, pharmaco-epidemiological, pharmaco-economic, or other health services research. 457

B. As used in this section:

459 "Agent" means a person who has been appointed as an individual's agent under a power of attorney 460 for health care or an advance directive under the Health Care Decisions Act (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.).

461 "Certification" means a written representation that is delivered by hand, by first-class mail, by 462 overnight delivery service, or by facsimile if the sender obtains a facsimile-machine-generated confirmation reflecting that all facsimile pages were successfully transmitted. 463 464

"Guardian" means a court-appointed guardian of the person.

465 "Health care clearinghouse" means, consistent with the definition set out in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, a 466 public or private entity, such as a billing service, repricing company, community health management information system or community health information system, and "value-added" networks and switches, 467 468 that performs either of the following functions: (i) processes or facilitates the processing of health 469 information received from another entity in a nonstandard format or containing nonstandard data content 470 into standard data elements or a standard transaction; or (ii) receives a standard transaction from another 471 entity and processes or facilitates the processing of health information into nonstandard format or 472 nonstandard data content for the receiving entity. 473

"Health care entity" means any health care provider, health plan or health care clearinghouse.

474 "Health care provider" means those entities listed in the definition of "health care provider" in 475 § 8.01-581.1, except that state-operated facilities shall also be considered health care providers for the purposes of this section. Health care provider shall also include all persons who are licensed, certified, 476 477 registered or permitted or who hold a multistate licensure privilege issued by any of the health regulatory boards within the Department of Health Professions, except persons regulated by the Board of 478 479 Funeral Directors and Embalmers or the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

480 "Health plan" means an individual or group plan that provides, or pays the cost of, medical care. 481 "Health plan" shall include any entity included in such definition as set out in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

482 "Health record" means any written, printed or electronically recorded material maintained by a health 483 care entity in the course of providing health services to an individual concerning the individual and the services provided. "Health record" also includes the substance of any communication made by an 484 485 individual to a health care entity in confidence during or in connection with the provision of health 486 services or information otherwise acquired by the health care entity about an individual in confidence 487 and in connection with the provision of health services to the individual.

"Health services" means, but shall not be limited to, examination, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, 488 489 pharmaceuticals, aftercare, habilitation or rehabilitation and mental health therapy of any kind, as well as 490 payment or reimbursement for any such services.

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491 "Individual" means a patient who is receiving or has received health services from a health care 492 entity.

493 "Individually identifying prescription information" means all prescriptions, drug orders or any other 494 prescription information that specifically identifies an individual.

495 "Parent" means a biological, adoptive or foster parent.

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496 "Psychotherapy notes" means comments, recorded in any medium by a health care provider who is a 497 mental health professional, documenting or analyzing the contents of conversation during a private counseling session with an individual or a group, joint, or family counseling session that are separated **498** 499 from the rest of the individual's health record. "Psychotherapy notes" shall not include annotations 500 relating to medication and prescription monitoring, counseling session start and stop times, treatment 501 modalities and frequencies, clinical test results, or any summary of any symptoms, diagnosis, prognosis, 502 functional status, treatment plan, or the individual's progress to date.

503 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any of the following:

504 1. The status of and release of information governed by §§ 65.2-604 and 65.2-607 of the Virginia 505 Workers' Compensation Act;

2. Except where specifically provided herein, the health records of minors; or

507 3. The release of juvenile health records to a secure facility or a shelter care facility pursuant to 508 § 16.1-248.3.

509 D. Health care entities may, and, when required by other provisions of state law, shall, disclose 510 health records:

511 1. As set forth in subsection E, pursuant to the written authorization of (i) the individual or (ii) in the 512 case of a minor, (a) his custodial parent, guardian or other person authorized to consent to treatment of 513 minors pursuant to § 54.1-2969 or (b) the minor himself, if he has consented to his own treatment 514 pursuant to § 54.1-2969, or (iii) in emergency cases or situations where it is impractical to obtain an 515 individual's written authorization, pursuant to the individual's oral authorization for a health care 516 provider or health plan to discuss the individual's health records with a third party specified by the 517 individual;

518 2. In compliance with a subpoena issued in accord with subsection H, pursuant to a search warrant 519 or a grand jury subpoena, pursuant to court order upon good cause shown or in compliance with a 520 subpoena issued pursuant to subsection C of § 8.01-413. Regardless of the manner by which health 521 records relating to an individual are compelled to be disclosed pursuant to this subdivision, nothing in 522 this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit any staff or employee of a health care entity from 523 providing information about such individual to a law-enforcement officer in connection with such 524 subpoena, search warrant, or court order;

525 3. In accord with subsection F of § 8.01-399 including, but not limited to, situations where disclosure 526 is reasonably necessary to establish or collect a fee or to defend a health care entity or the health care 527 entity's employees or staff against any accusation of wrongful conduct; also as required in the course of 528 an investigation, audit, review or proceedings regarding a health care entity's conduct by a duly 529 authorized law-enforcement, licensure, accreditation, or professional review entity;

4. In testimony in accordance with §§ 8.01-399 and 8.01-400.2;

5. In compliance with the provisions of § 8.01-413;

532 6. As required or authorized by law relating to public health activities, health oversight activities, 533 serious threats to health or safety, or abuse, neglect or domestic violence, relating to contagious disease, 534 public safety, and suspected child or adult abuse reporting requirements, including, but not limited to, those contained in §§ 32.1-36, 32.1-36.1, 32.1-40, 32.1-41, 32.1-127.1:04, 32.1-276.5, 32.1-283, 32.1-283.1, 37.2-710, 37.2-839, 53.1-40.10, 54.1-2400.6, 54.1-2400.7, 54.1-2403.3, 54.1-2506, 535 536 537 54.1-2966, 54.1-2966.1, 54.1-2967, 54.1-2968, 63.2-1509, and 63.2-1606;

7. Where necessary in connection with the care of the individual;

539 8. In connection with the health care entity's own health care operations or the health care operations 540 of another health care entity, as specified in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, or in the normal course of business in 541 accordance with accepted standards of practice within the health services setting; however, the 542 maintenance, storage, and disclosure of the mass of prescription dispensing records maintained in a 543 pharmacy registered or permitted in Virginia shall only be accomplished in compliance with 544 §§ 54.1-3410, 54.1-3411, and 54.1-3412; 545

9. When the individual has waived his right to the privacy of the health records;

546 10. When examination and evaluation of an individual are undertaken pursuant to judicial or 547 administrative law order, but only to the extent as required by such order;

548 11. To the guardian ad litem and any attorney representing the respondent in the course of a 549 guardianship proceeding of an adult patient who is the respondent in a proceeding under Chapter 10 550 (§ 37.2-1000 et seq.) of Title 37.2;

551 12. To the guardian ad litem and any attorney appointed by the court to represent an individual who 552 is or has been a patient who is the subject of a commitment proceeding under § 19.2-169.6, 19.2-176, or

553 <del>19.2-177.1,</del> Article 5 (§ 37.2-814 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 37.2, Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1, or a judicial authorization for treatment proceeding pursuant to Chapter 11 554

555 (§ 37.2-1100 et seq.) of Title 37.2;

556 13. To a magistrate, the court, the evaluator or examiner required under § 16.1-338, 16.1-339, 557 16.1-342, or 37.2-815, a community services board or behavioral health authority or a designee of a 558 community services board or behavioral health authority, or a law-enforcement officer participating in any proceeding under Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1, § 19.2-169.6, 19.2-176, 559 or 19.2-177.1, or Chapter 8 (§ 37.2-800 et seq.) of Title 37.2 regarding the subject of the proceeding, 560 and to any health care provider evaluating or providing services to the person who is the subject of the 561 proceeding or monitoring the person's adherence to a treatment plan ordered under those provisions. 562 Health records disclosed to a law-enforcement officer shall be limited to information necessary to protect 563 564 the officer, the person, or the public from physical injury or to address the health care needs of the 565 person. Information disclosed to a law-enforcement officer shall not be used for any other purpose, disclosed to others, or retained; 566

14. To the attorney and/or guardian ad litem of a minor who represents such minor in any judicial or 567 568 administrative proceeding, if the court or administrative hearing officer has entered an order granting the 569 attorney or guardian ad litem this right and such attorney or guardian ad litem presents evidence to the 570 health care entity of such order;

571 15. With regard to the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, a minor's health records 572 in accord with  $\S$  9.1-156;

573 16. To an agent appointed under an individual's power of attorney or to an agent or decision maker 574 designated in an individual's advance directive for health care or for decisions on anatomical gifts and 575 organ, tissue or eye donation or to any other person consistent with the provisions of the Health Care 576 Decisions Act (§ 54.1-2981 et seq.); 577

17. To third-party payors and their agents for purposes of reimbursement;

578 18. As is necessary to support an application for receipt of health care benefits from a governmental 579 agency or as required by an authorized governmental agency reviewing such application or reviewing 580 benefits already provided or as necessary to the coordination of prevention and control of disease, injury, or disability and delivery of such health care benefits pursuant to § 32.1-127.1:04; 581

582 19. Upon the sale of a medical practice as provided in § 54.1-2405; or upon a change of ownership 583 or closing of a pharmacy pursuant to regulations of the Board of Pharmacy;

584 20. In accord with subsection B of § 54.1-2400.1, to communicate an individual's specific and 585 immediate threat to cause serious bodily injury or death of an identified or readily identifiable person;

586 21. Where necessary in connection with the implementation of a hospital's routine contact process for 587 organ donation pursuant to subdivision B 4 of § 32.1-127;

588 22. In the case of substance abuse records, when permitted by and in conformity with requirements 589 of federal law found in 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2 and 42 C.F.R. Part 2;

590 23. In connection with the work of any entity established as set forth in § 8.01-581.16 to evaluate the 591 adequacy or quality of professional services or the competency and qualifications for professional staff 592 privileges:

593 24. If the health records are those of a deceased or mentally incapacitated individual to the personal 594 representative or executor of the deceased individual or the legal guardian or committee of the 595 incompetent or incapacitated individual or if there is no personal representative, executor, legal guardian 596 or committee appointed, to the following persons in the following order of priority: a spouse, an adult 597 son or daughter, either parent, an adult brother or sister, or any other relative of the deceased individual 598 in order of blood relationship;

25. For the purpose of conducting record reviews of inpatient hospital deaths to promote identification of all potential organ, eye, and tissue donors in conformance with the requirements of 599 600 601 applicable federal law and regulations, including 42 C.F.R. § 482.45, (i) to the health care provider's 602 designated organ procurement organization certified by the United States Health Care Financing Administration and (ii) to any eye bank or tissue bank in Virginia certified by the Eye Bank Association 603 604 of America or the American Association of Tissue Banks;

26. To the Office of the Inspector General for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services 605 606 pursuant to Article 3 (§ 37.2-423 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 37.2;

27. To an entity participating in the activities of a local health partnership authority established 607 608 pursuant to Article 6.1 (§ 32.1-122.10:001 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of this title, pursuant to subdivision 1 of 609 this subsection;

610 28. To law-enforcement officials by each licensed emergency medical services agency, (i) when the 611 individual is the victim of a crime or (ii) when the individual has been arrested and has received emergency medical services or has refused emergency medical services and the health records consist of 612 the prehospital patient care report required by § 32.1-116.1; 613

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614 29. To law-enforcement officials, in response to their request, for the purpose of identifying or 615 locating a suspect, fugitive, person required to register pursuant to § 9.1-901 of the Sex Offender and 616 Crimes Against Minors Registry Act, material witness, or missing person, provided that only the following information may be disclosed: (i) name and address of the person, (ii) date and place of birth 617 618 of the person, (iii) social security number of the person, (iv) blood type of the person, (v) date and time 619 of treatment received by the person, (vi) date and time of death of the person, where applicable, (vii) 620 description of distinguishing physical characteristics of the person, and (viii) type of injury sustained by 621 the person;

622 30. To law-enforcement officials regarding the death of an individual for the purpose of alerting law
623 enforcement of the death if the health care entity has a suspicion that such death may have resulted
624 from criminal conduct;

625 31. To law-enforcement officials if the health care entity believes in good faith that the information 626 disclosed constitutes evidence of a crime that occurred on its premises;

627 32. To the State Health Commissioner pursuant to § 32.1-48.015 when such records are those of a person or persons who are subject to an order of quarantine or an order of isolation pursuant to Article
629 3.02 (§ 32.1-48.05 et seq.) of Chapter 2 of this title;

630 33. To the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry or his designee by each licensed
631 emergency medical services agency when the records consist of the prehospital patient care report
632 required by § 32.1-116.1 and the patient has suffered an injury or death on a work site while performing
633 duties or tasks that are within the scope of his employment; and

634 34. To notify a family member or personal representative of an individual who is the subject of a 635 proceeding pursuant to Chapter 8 (§ 37.2-800 et seq.) of Title 37.2 of information that is directly 636 relevant to such person's involvement with the individual's health care, which may include the 637 individual's location and general condition, when the individual has the capacity to make health care 638 decisions and (i) the individual has agreed to the notification, (ii) the individual has been provided an 639 opportunity to object to the notification and does not express an objection, or (iii) the health care 640 provider can, on the basis of his professional judgment, reasonably infer from the circumstances that the 641 individual does not object to the notification. If the opportunity to agree or object to the notification 642 cannot practicably be provided because of the individual's incapacity or an emergency circumstance, the 643 health care provider may notify a family member or personal representative of the individual of 644 information that is directly relevant to such person's involvement with the individual's health care, which 645 may include the individual's location and general condition if the health care provider, in the exercise of 646 his professional judgment, determines that the notification is in the best interests of the individual. Such 647 notification shall not be made if the provider has actual knowledge the family member or personal 648 representative is currently prohibited by court order from contacting the individual.

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1 through 34 of this subsection, a health care entity 649 650 shall obtain an individual's written authorization for any disclosure of psychotherapy notes, except when 651 disclosure by the health care entity is (i) for its own training programs in which students, trainees, or 652 practitioners in mental health are being taught under supervision to practice or to improve their skills in 653 group, joint, family, or individual counseling; (ii) to defend itself or its employees or staff against any 654 accusation of wrongful conduct; (iii) in the discharge of the duty, in accordance with subsection B of § 54.1-2400.1, to take precautions to protect third parties from violent behavior or other serious harm; 655 656 (iv) required in the course of an investigation, audit, review, or proceeding regarding a health care 657 entity's conduct by a duly authorized law-enforcement, licensure, accreditation, or professional review 658 entity; or (v) otherwise required by law.

659 E. Requests for copies of health records shall (i) be in writing, dated and signed by the requester; (ii) 660 identify the nature of the information requested; and (iii) include evidence of the authority of the requester to receive such copies and identification of the person to whom the information is to be **661** disclosed. The health care entity shall accept a photocopy, facsimile, or other copy of the original signed 662 by the requestor as if it were an original. Within 15 days of receipt of a request for copies of health 663 664 records, the health care entity shall do one of the following: (i) furnish such copies to any requester authorized to receive them; (ii) inform the requester if the information does not exist or cannot be 665 666 found; (iii) if the health care entity does not maintain a record of the information, so inform the 667 requester and provide the name and address, if known, of the health care entity who maintains the 668 record; or (iv) deny the request (a) under subsection F, (b) on the grounds that the requester has not 669 established his authority to receive such health records or proof of his identity, or (c) as otherwise 670 provided by law. Procedures set forth in this section shall apply only to requests for health records not 671 specifically governed by other provisions of state law.

F. Except as provided in subsection B of § 8.01-413, copies of an individual's health records shall not be furnished to such individual or anyone authorized to act on the individual's behalf when the individual's treating physician or the individual's treating clinical psychologist has made a part of the

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individual's record a written statement that, in the exercise of his professional judgment, the furnishing 675 to or review by the individual of such health records would be reasonably likely to endanger the life or 676 physical safety of the individual or another person, or that such health record makes reference to a 677 678 person other than a health care provider and the access requested would be reasonably likely to cause 679 substantial harm to such referenced person. If any health care entity denies a request for copies of health 680 records based on such statement, the health care entity shall inform the individual of the individual's 681 right to designate, in writing, at his own expense, another reviewing physician or clinical psychologist, whose licensure, training and experience relative to the individual's condition are at least equivalent to 682 that of the physician or clinical psychologist upon whose opinion the denial is based. The designated 683 684 reviewing physician or clinical psychologist shall make a judgment as to whether to make the health record available to the individual. 685

The health care entity denying the request shall also inform the individual of the individual's right to 686 request in writing that such health care entity designate, at its own expense, a physician or clinical 687 psychologist, whose licensure, training, and experience relative to the individual's condition are at least 688 equivalent to that of the physician or clinical psychologist upon whose professional judgment the denial 689 690 is based and who did not participate in the original decision to deny the health records, who shall make a judgment as to whether to make the health record available to the individual. The health care entity 691 shall comply with the judgment of the reviewing physician or clinical psychologist. The health care **692** 693 entity shall permit copying and examination of the health record by such other physician or clinical 694 psychologist designated by either the individual at his own expense or by the health care entity at its 695 expense.

Any health record copied for review by any such designated physician or clinical psychologist shall
be accompanied by a statement from the custodian of the health record that the individual's treating
physician or clinical psychologist determined that the individual's review of his health record would be
reasonably likely to endanger the life or physical safety of the individual or would be reasonably likely
to cause substantial harm to a person referenced in the health record who is not a health care provider.

Further, nothing herein shall be construed as giving, or interpreted to bestow the right to receive
 copies of, or otherwise obtain access to, psychotherapy notes to any individual or any person authorized
 to act on his behalf.

G. A written authorization to allow release of an individual's health records shall substantially includethe following information:

706 AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH RECORDS 707 Individual's Name ..... 708 Health Care Entity's Name ..... 709 Person, Agency, or Health Care Entity to whom disclosure is to 710 be made ..... 711 Information or Health Records to be disclosed ..... 712 Purpose of Disclosure or at the Request of the Individual ..... 713 As the person signing this authorization, I understand that I am giving my 714 permission to the above-named health care entity for disclosure of 715 confidential health records. I understand that the health care entity may 716 not condition treatment or payment on my willingness to sign this 717 authorization unless the specific circumstances under which such 718 conditioning is permitted by law are applicable and are set forth in this 719 authorization. I also understand that I have the right to revoke this 720 authorization at any time, but that my revocation is not effective until 721 delivered in writing to the person who is in possession of my health 722 records and is not effective as to health records already disclosed under 723 this authorization. A copy of this authorization and a notation concerning 724 the persons or agencies to whom disclosure was made shall be included with 725 my original health records. I understand that health information disclosed 726 under this authorization might be redisclosed by a recipient and may, as a 727 result of such disclosure, no longer be protected to the same extent as 728 such health information was protected by law while solely in the 729 possession of the health care entity. 730 This authorization expires on (date) or (event) ..... 731 Signature of Individual or Individual's Legal Representative if Individual 732 is Unable to Sign ...... 733 Relationship or Authority of Legal Representative .....

734 Date of Signature .....

735 H. Pursuant to this subsection:

736 1. Unless excepted from these provisions in subdivision 9 of this subsection, no party to a civil, 737 criminal or administrative action or proceeding shall request the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum for 738 another party's health records or cause a subpoena duces tecum to be issued by an attorney unless a 739 copy of the request for the subpoena or a copy of the attorney-issued subpoena is provided to the other 740 party's counsel or to the other party if pro se, simultaneously with filing the request or issuance of the 741 subpoena. No party to an action or proceeding shall request or cause the issuance of a subpoena duces 742 tecum for the health records of a nonparty witness unless a copy of the request for the subpoena or a 743 copy of the attorney-issued subpoena is provided to the nonparty witness simultaneously with filing the 744 request or issuance of the attorney-issued subpoena.

745 No subpoena duces tecum for health records shall set a return date earlier than 15 days from the date 746 of the subpoena except by order of a court or administrative agency for good cause shown. When a 747 court or administrative agency directs that health records be disclosed pursuant to a subpoena duces 748 tecum earlier than 15 days from the date of the subpoena, a copy of the order shall accompany the 749 subpoena.

Any party requesting a subpoend duces tecum for health records or on whose behalf the subpoend duces tecum is being issued shall have the duty to determine whether the individual whose health records are being sought is pro se or a nonparty.

753 In instances where health records being subpoenaed are those of a pro se party or nonparty witness, 754 the party requesting or issuing the subpoena shall deliver to the pro se party or nonparty witness 755 together with the copy of the request for subpoena, or a copy of the subpoena in the case of an 756 attorney-issued subpoena, a statement informing them of their rights and remedies. The statement shall 757 include the following language and the heading shall be in boldface capital letters:

758 NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL

759 The attached document means that (insert name of party requesting or causing issuance of the 760 subpoena) has either asked the court or administrative agency to issue a subpoena or a subpoena has 761 been issued by the other party's attorney to your doctor, other health care providers (names of health 762 care providers inserted here) or other health care entity (name of health care entity to be inserted here) 763 requiring them to produce your health records. Your doctor, other health care provider or other health 764 care entity is required to respond by providing a copy of your health records. If you believe your health records should not be disclosed and object to their disclosure, you have the right to file a motion with 765 766 the clerk of the court or the administrative agency to quash the subpoena. If you elect to file a motion to quash, such motion must be filed within 15 days of the date of the request or of the attorney-issued 767 subpoena. You may contact the clerk's office or the administrative agency to determine the requirements 768 that must be satisfied when filing a motion to quash and you may elect to contact an attorney to 769 770 represent your interest. If you elect to file a motion to quash, you must notify your doctor, other health care provider(s), or other health care entity, that you are filing the motion so that the health care 771 772 provider or health care entity knows to send the health records to the clerk of court or administrative 773 agency in a sealed envelope or package for safekeeping while your motion is decided.

774 2. Any party filing a request for a subpoend duces tecum or causing such a subpoend to be issued 775 for an individual's health records shall include a Notice in the same part of the request in which the 776 recipient of the subpoend duces tecum is directed where and when to return the health records. Such 777 notice shall be in boldface capital letters and shall include the following language:

778 NOTICE TO HEALTH CARE ENTITIES

A COPY OF THIS SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL
WHOSE HEALTH RECORDS ARE BEING REQUESTED OR HIS COUNSEL. YOU OR THAT
INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO FILE A MOTION TO QUASH (OBJECT TO) THE ATTACHED
SUBPOENA. IF YOU ELECT TO FILE A MOTION TO QUASH, YOU MUST FILE THE MOTION
WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS SUBPOENA.

YOU MUST NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUBPOENA UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN
CERTIFICATION FROM THE PARTY ON WHOSE BEHALF THE SUBPOENA WAS ISSUED
THAT THE TIME FOR FILING A MOTION TO QUASH HAS ELAPSED AND THAT:

787 NO MOTION TO QUASH WAS FILED; OR

788 ANY MOTION TO QUASH HAS BEEN RESOLVED BY THE COURT OR THE789 ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY AND THE DISCLOSURES SOUGHT ARE CONSISTENT WITH790 SUCH RESOLUTION.

791 IF YOU RECEIVE NOTICE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HEALTH RECORDS ARE
792 BEING REQUESTED HAS FILED A MOTION TO QUASH THIS SUBPOENA, OR IF YOU FILE A
793 MOTION TO QUASH THIS SUBPOENA, YOU MUST SEND THE HEALTH RECORDS ONLY TO
794 THE CLERK OF THE COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY THAT ISSUED THE SUBPOENA

795 OR IN WHICH THE ACTION IS PENDING AS SHOWN ON THE SUBPOENA USING THE 796 FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

PLACE THE HEALTH RECORDS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND ATTACH TO THE SEALED
ENVELOPE A COVER LETTER TO THE CLERK OF COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY
WHICH STATES THAT CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH RECORDS ARE ENCLOSED AND ARE TO BE
HELD UNDER SEAL PENDING A RULING ON THE MOTION TO QUASH THE SUBPOENA.
THE SEALED ENVELOPE AND THE COVER LETTER SHALL BE PLACED IN AN OUTER
ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENCY.

804 3. Upon receiving a valid subpoena duces tecum for health records, health care entities shall have the
805 duty to respond to the subpoena in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of
806 this subsection.

807 4. Except to deliver to a clerk of the court or administrative agency subpoenaed health records in a sealed envelope as set forth, health care entities shall not respond to a subpoena duces tecum for such health records until they have received a certification as set forth in subdivision 5 or 8 of this subsection
810 from the party on whose behalf the subpoena duces tecum was issued.

811 If the health care entity has actual receipt of notice that a motion to quash the subpoena has been 812 filed or if the health care entity files a motion to quash the subpoena for health records, then the health 813 care entity shall produce the health records, in a securely sealed envelope, to the clerk of the court or 814 administrative agency issuing the subpoena or in whose court or administrative agency the action is 815 pending. The court or administrative agency shall place the health records under seal until a determination is made regarding the motion to quash. The securely sealed envelope shall only be opened 816 on order of the judge or administrative agency. In the event the court or administrative agency grants 817 the motion to quash, the health records shall be returned to the health care entity in the same sealed 818 819 envelope in which they were delivered to the court or administrative agency. In the event that a judge or 820 administrative agency orders the sealed envelope to be opened to review the health records in camera, a 821 copy of the order shall accompany any health records returned to the health care entity. The health 822 records returned to the health care entity shall be in a securely sealed envelope.

5. If no motion to quash is filed within 15 days of the date of the request or of the attorney-issued
subpoena, the party on whose behalf the subpoena was issued shall have the duty to certify to the
subpoenaed health care entity that the time for filing a motion to quash has elapsed and that no motion
to quash was filed. Any health care entity receiving such certification shall have the duty to comply
with the subpoena duces tecum by returning the specified health records by either the return date on the
subpoena or five days after receipt of the certification, whichever is later.

829 6. In the event that the individual whose health records are being sought files a motion to quash the subpoena, the court or administrative agency shall decide whether good cause has been shown by the 830 831 discovering party to compel disclosure of the individual's health records over the individual's objections. 832 In determining whether good cause has been shown, the court or administrative agency shall consider (i) 833 the particular purpose for which the information was collected; (ii) the degree to which the disclosure of 834 the records would embarrass, injure, or invade the privacy of the individual; (iii) the effect of the 835 disclosure on the individual's future health care; (iv) the importance of the information to the lawsuit or 836 proceeding; and (v) any other relevant factor.

837 7. Concurrent with the court or administrative agency's resolution of a motion to quash, if 838 subpoenaed health records have been submitted by a health care entity to the court or administrative 839 agency in a sealed envelope, the court or administrative agency shall: (i) upon determining that no 840 submitted health records should be disclosed, return all submitted health records to the health care entity 841 in a sealed envelope; (ii) upon determining that all submitted health records should be disclosed, provide 842 all the submitted health records to the party on whose behalf the subpoena was issued; or (iii) upon 843 determining that only a portion of the submitted health records should be disclosed, provide such portion 844 to the party on whose behalf the subpoena was issued and return the remaining health records to the 845 health care entity in a sealed envelope.

846 8. Following the court or administrative agency's resolution of a motion to quash, the party on whose
behalf the subpoena duces tecum was issued shall have the duty to certify in writing to the subpoenaed
848 health care entity a statement of one of the following:

a. All filed motions to quash have been resolved by the court or administrative agency and the
disclosures sought in the subpoena duces tecum are consistent with such resolution; and, therefore, the
health records previously delivered in a sealed envelope to the clerk of the court or administrative
agency will not be returned to the health care entity;

b. All filed motions to quash have been resolved by the court or administrative agency and the
disclosures sought in the subpoena duces tecum are consistent with such resolution and that, since no
health records have previously been delivered to the court or administrative agency by the health care
entity, the health care entity shall comply with the subpoena duces tecum by returning the health records

857 designated in the subpoena by the return date on the subpoena or five days after receipt of certification,858 whichever is later;

c. All filed motions to quash have been resolved by the court or administrative agency and the
disclosures sought in the subpoena duces tecum are not consistent with such resolution; therefore, no
health records shall be disclosed and all health records previously delivered in a sealed envelope to the
clerk of the court or administrative agency will be returned to the health care entity;

863 d. All filed motions to quash have been resolved by the court or administrative agency and the 864 disclosures sought in the subpoena duces tecum are not consistent with such resolution and that only 865 limited disclosure has been authorized. The certification shall state that only the portion of the health records as set forth in the certification, consistent with the court or administrative agency's ruling, shall 866 867 be disclosed. The certification shall also state that health records that were previously delivered to the 868 court or administrative agency for which disclosure has been authorized will not be returned to the 869 health care entity; however, all health records for which disclosure has not been authorized will be 870 returned to the health care entity; or

e. All filed motions to quash have been resolved by the court or administrative agency and the disclosures sought in the subpoena duces tecum are not consistent with such resolution and, since no health records have previously been delivered to the court or administrative agency by the health care entity, the health care entity shall return only those health records specified in the certification, consistent with the court or administrative agency's ruling, by the return date on the subpoena or five days after receipt of the certification, whichever is later.

877 A copy of the court or administrative agency's ruling shall accompany any certification made878 pursuant to this subdivision.

879 9. The provisions of this subsection have no application to subpoenas for health records requested
880 under § 8.01-413, or issued by a duly authorized administrative agency conducting an investigation,
881 audit, review or proceedings regarding a health care entity's conduct.

882 The provisions of this subsection shall apply to subpoen for the health records of both minors and883 adults.

884 Nothing in this subsection shall have any effect on the existing authority of a court or administrative 885 agency to issue a protective order regarding health records, including, but not limited to, ordering the return of health records to a health care entity, after the period for filing a motion to quash has passed.

A subpoena for substance abuse records must conform to the requirements of federal law found in 42C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart E.

**889** I. Health care entities may testify about the health records of an individual in compliance with \$80 §§ 8.01-399 and 8.01-400.2.

J. If an individual requests a copy of his health record from a health care entity, the health care
entity may impose a reasonable cost-based fee, which shall include only the cost of supplies for and
labor of copying the requested information, postage when the individual requests that such information
be mailed, and preparation of an explanation or summary of such information as agreed to by the
individual. For the purposes of this section, "individual" shall subsume a person with authority to act on
behalf of the individual who is the subject of the health record in making decisions related to his health
care.

**898** § 37.2-803. Special justices to perform duties of judge.

899 The chief judge of each judicial circuit may appoint one or more special justices, for the purpose of 900 performing the duties required of a judge by this chapter, Chapter 11 (§ 37.2-1100 et seq.), and 901 §§ 16.1-69.28, 16.1-335 through 16.1-348, 19.2-169.6, 19.2-174.1, 19.2-177.1, 19.2-182.9, 53.1-40.1, 902 53.1-40.2, and 53.1-40.9. Each special justice shall be a person licensed to practice law in the 903 Commonwealth or a retired or substitute judge in good standing and shall have all the powers and 904 jurisdiction conferred upon a judge. The special justice shall serve under the supervision and at the 905 pleasure of the chief judge of the judicial circuit for a period of up to six years. The special justice may 906 be reappointed and may serve additional periods of up to six years, at the pleasure of the chief judge. 907 Within six months of appointment, each special justice appointed on or after January 1, 1996, shall 908 complete a minimum training program prescribed by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court. 909 Special justices shall collect the fees prescribed in this chapter for their service and shall retain those 910 fees, unless the governing body of the county or city in which the services are performed provides for 911 the payment of an annual salary for the services, in which case the fees shall be collected and paid into 912 the treasury of that county or city.

**913** § 37.2-804. Fees and expenses.

A. Any special justice, retired judge sitting by designation pursuant to § 16.1-69.35, or any district court substitute judge who presides over hearings pursuant to the provisions of §§ 37.2-809 through 37.2-820 or, Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1, or § 19.2-169.6 shall receive a fee of \$86.25 for each hearing thereunder plus his necessary mileage, parking, tolls, and postage, and

918 \$43.25 for each certification hearing and each order under Chapter 11 (§ 37.2-1100 et seq.) ruling on 919 competency or treatment plus his necessary mileage, parking, tolls, and postage.

920 B. Any physician, psychologist or other mental health professional, or any interpreter, appointed 921 pursuant to § 37.2-802 for persons who are deaf, who is not regularly employed by the Commonwealth 922 and is required to serve as a witness or as an interpreter in any proceeding under this chapter or 923 \$ 19.2-169.6 shall receive a fee of \$75 and his necessary expenses for each commitment hearing for 924 involuntary admission in which he serves and \$43.25 and necessary expenses for each certification 925 hearing in which he serves.

926 C. Other witnesses regularly summoned before a judge or special justice under the provisions of this 927 chapter shall receive the compensation for their attendance and mileage that is allowed witnesses 928 summoned to testify before grand juries.

929 D. Every attorney appointed under § 37.2-806 or §§ 37.2-809 through 37.2-820 shall receive a fee of 930 \$75 and his necessary expenses for each hearing thereunder and \$43.25 and his necessary expenses for 931 each certification hearing and each proceeding under Chapter 11 (§ 37.2-1100 et seq.).

932 E. Except as hereinafter provided, all expenses incurred, including the fees, attendance, and mileage 933 aforesaid, shall be paid by the Commonwealth. When any such fees, costs, and expenses, incurred in 934 connection with an examination or hearing for an admission pursuant to § 37.2-806 or §§ 37.2-809 935 through 37.2-820, to carry out the provisions of this chapter or in connection with a proceeding under 936 Chapter 11 (§ 37.2-1100 et seq.) or § 19.2-169.6, are paid by the Commonwealth, they shall be 937 recoverable by the Commonwealth from the person who is the subject of the examination, hearing, or 938 proceeding or from his estate. Collection or recovery may be undertaken by the Department. When the 939 fees, costs, and expenses are collected or recovered by the Department, they shall be refunded to the 940 Commonwealth. No fees or costs shall be recovered, however, from the person who is the subject of the 941 examination or hearing or his estate when no good cause for his admission exists or when the recovery 942 would create an undue financial hardship. 943

§ 37.2-809. Involuntary temporary detention; issuance and execution of order.

A. For the purposes of this section:

945 "Designee of the local community services board" means an examiner designated by the local 946 community services board who (i) is skilled in the assessment and treatment of mental illness, (ii) has completed a certification program approved by the Department, (iii) is able to provide an independent 947 948 examination of the person, (iv) is not related by blood or marriage to the person being evaluated, (v) has 949 no financial interest in the admission or treatment of the person being evaluated, (vi) has no investment 950 interest in the facility detaining or admitting the person under this article, and (vii) except for employees of state hospitals and of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is not employed by the facility. 951

952 "Employee" means an employee of the local community services board who is skilled in the 953 assessment and treatment of mental illness and has completed a certification program approved by the 954 Department.

955 "Investment interest" means the ownership or holding of an equity or debt security, including shares 956 of stock in a corporation, interests or units of a partnership, bonds, debentures, notes, or other equity or 957 debt instruments.

958 B. A magistrate shall issue, upon the sworn petition of any responsible person, treating physician, or 959 upon his own motion and only after an evaluation conducted in-person or by means of a two-way 960 electronic video and audio communication system as authorized in § 37.2-804.1 by an employee or a 961 designee of the local community services board to determine whether the person meets the criteria for 962 temporary detention, a temporary detention order if it appears from all evidence readily available, 963 including any recommendation from a physician or clinical psychologist treating the person, that the 964 person (i) has a mental illness and that there exists a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental 965 illness, the person will, in the near future, (a) cause serious physical harm to himself or others as 966 evidenced by recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm and other relevant information, if 967 any, or (b) suffer serious harm due to his lack of capacity to protect himself from harm or to provide 968 for his basic human needs, (ii) is in need of hospitalization or treatment, and (iii) is unwilling to 969 volunteer or incapable of volunteering for hospitalization or treatment, except that a temporary detention 970 order for a minor pursuant to § 16.1-340 shall only be issued if the minor meets the criteria for 971 involuntary commitment set forth in § 16.1-345. The magistrate shall also consider the recommendations 972 of any treating or examining physician licensed in Virginia if available either verbally or in writing prior 973 to rendering a decision. Any temporary detention order entered pursuant to this section shall provide for 974 the disclosure of medical records pursuant to § 37.2-804.2. This subsection shall not preclude any other 975 disclosures as required or permitted by law.

976 C. When considering whether there is probable cause to issue a temporary detention order, the 977 magistrate may, in addition to the petition, consider (i) the recommendations of any treating or 978 examining physician or psychologist licensed in Virginia, if available, (ii) any past actions of the person, 979 (iii) any past mental health treatment of the person, (iv) any relevant hearsay evidence, (v) any medical

980 records available, (vi) any affidavits submitted, if the witness is unavailable and it so states in the
981 affidavit, and (vii) any other information available that the magistrate considers relevant to the
982 determination of whether probable cause exists to issue a temporary detention order.

D. 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.

988 E. An employee or a designee of the local community services board shall determine the facility of 989 temporary detention for all individuals detained pursuant to this section. The facility of temporary 990 detention shall be one that has been approved pursuant to regulations of the Board. The facility shall be 991 identified on the preadmission screening report and indicated on the temporary detention order. Except 992 as provided in § 37.2-811 for defendants inmates requiring hospitalization in accordance with subdivision 993 A 2 of § 19.2-169.6, the person shall not be detained in a jail or other place of confinement for persons 994 charged with criminal offenses and shall remain in the custody of law enforcement until the person is 995 either detained within a secure facility or custody has been accepted by the appropriate personnel 996 designated by the facility identified in the temporary detention order.

997 F. Any facility caring for a person placed with it pursuant to a temporary detention order is **998** authorized to provide emergency medical and psychiatric services within its capabilities when the facility 999 determines that the services are in the best interests of the person within its care. The costs incurred as a 1000 result of the hearings and by the facility in providing services during the period of temporary detention 1001 shall be paid and recovered pursuant to § 37.2-804. The maximum costs reimbursable by the 1002 Commonwealth pursuant to this section shall be established by the State Board of Medical Assistance 1003 Services based on reasonable criteria. The State Board of Medical Assistance Services shall, by 1004 regulation, establish a reasonable rate per day of inpatient care for temporary detention.

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

1011 H. The duration of temporary detention shall be sufficient to allow for completion of the examination 1012 required by § 37.2-815, preparation of the preadmission screening report required by § 37.2-816, and 1013 initiation of mental health treatment to stabilize the person's psychiatric condition to avoid involuntary 1014 commitment where possible, but shall not exceed 48 hours prior to a hearing. If the 48-hour period 1015 herein specified terminates on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the person may be detained, as 1016 herein provided, until the close of business on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The person may be released, pursuant to § 37.2-813, before the 48-hour period herein specified 1017 1018 has run.

I. If a temporary detention order is not executed within 24 hours of its issuance, or within a shorter 1019 1020 period as is specified in the order, the order shall be void and shall be returned unexecuted to the office 1021 of the clerk of the issuing court or, if the office is not open, to any magistrate serving the jurisdiction of 1022 the issuing court. Subsequent orders may be issued upon the original petition within 96 hours after the 1023 petition is filed. However, a magistrate must again obtain the advice of an employee or a designee of 1024 the local community services board prior to issuing a subsequent order upon the original petition. Any 1025 petition for which no temporary detention order or other process in connection therewith is served on 1026 the subject of the petition within 96 hours after the petition is filed shall be void and shall be returned 1027 to the office of the clerk of the issuing court.

1028 J. The chief judge of each general district court shall establish and require that a magistrate, as 1029 provided by this section, be available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, for the purpose of performing 1030 the duties established by this section. Each community services board shall provide to each general 1031 district court and magistrate's office within its service area a list of its employees and designees who are available to perform the evaluations required herein.

1033 K. For purposes of this section a healthcare provider or designee of a local community services
1034 board or behavioral health authority shall not be required to encrypt any email containing information or
1035 medical records provided to a magistrate unless there is reason to believe that a third party will attempt
1036 to intercept the email.

1037 L. The employee or designee of the community services board who is conducting the evaluation
1038 pursuant to this section shall, if he recommends that the person should not be subject to a temporary
1039 detention order, inform the petitioner and an on-site treating physician of his recommendation.

**1040** § 37.2-811. Emergency treatment of inmates in the custody of local correctional facilities.

A. In any case in which temporary detention is ordered pursuant to § 37.2-809 upon petition of a person having custody of a defendant an inmate in accordance with subdivision A 2 of § 19.2-169.6, the magistrate executing the temporary detention order shall place the person in a hospital designated by the Commissioner as appropriate for treatment and evaluation of persons under a criminal charge or, if such facility is not available, the defendant inmate shall be detained in a jail local correctional facility or other place of confinement for persons charged with criminal offenses and shall be transferred to such hospital as soon as possible thereafter.

1048 B. The hearing shall be held, upon notice to the attorney for the <u>defendant</u> *inmate*, either (i) before 1049 the court having jurisdiction over the <u>defendant'sinmate's</u> case or (ii) before a district court judge or 1050 special justice in accordance with the provisions of § 37.2-820, in which case the <u>defendant</u> *inmate* shall 1051 be represented by counsel as specified in § 37.2-814.

1052 2. That §§ 19.2-176 and 19.2-177.1 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.