

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [H 736]
 5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 63.2-1530 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 63.2-1530. Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.

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

13 B. The following information shall, notwithstanding any state law regarding privacy or confidentiality
 14 of records, be included in the System and made available to the public via a website maintained by the
 15 Department and in print format:

16 1. *From the Department:* (i) the total number of complaints alleging child abuse, neglect, or a
 17 combination thereof received; (ii) the total number of complaints deemed valid pursuant to
 18 § 63.2-1508; (iii) the total number of complaints investigated by the Department pursuant to subsection
 19 I of §§ 63.2-1503 and § 63.2-1505; (iv) the total number of cases determined to be founded cases of
 20 abuse or neglect; and (v) the total number of cases resulting in a finding that the complaint was
 21 founded resulting in administrative appeal. Information reported pursuant to *clause* (v) ~~above~~ shall be
 22 reported by total number of appeals to the local department, total number of appeals to the Department,
 23 and total number of appeals by outcome of the appeal. For each category of information required by this
 24 subdivision, the Department shall also report the total number of cases by type of abuse; by gender, age,
 25 and race of the alleged victim; and by the nature of the relationship between the alleged victim and
 26 alleged abuser.

27 2. *The Department of State Police shall report annually, in a format approved by the Department of*
 28 *Social Services, arrest and disposition statistics for violations of §§ 18.2-48, 18.2-61, 18.2-63, 18.2-64.1,*
 29 *18.2-67.1, 18.2-67.2, 18.2-67.3, 18.2-67.4, 18.2-355, 18.2-361, 18.2-366, 18.2-370 through 18.2-370.2,*
 30 *18.2-371, 18.2-371.1, 18.2-374.1, 18.2-374.1:1, 18.2-374.3, 18.2-387, and 40.1-103 for inclusion in the*
 31 *Child Protection Accountability System.*

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

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