

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 16.1-293 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the release of persons from*
3 *commitment on parole supervision.*

4 [S 1170]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 16.1-293 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 16.1-293. Supervision of juvenile or person during commitment and on parole; placing juvenile in
9 halfway house.

10 At such time as the court commits a juvenile to the Department, the juvenile and domestic relations
11 district court service unit shall maintain contact with the juvenile during the juvenile's commitment.

12 If a person is placed on parole supervision following that person's release from commitment to the
13 Department, the court services unit providing parole supervision shall furnish the person a written
14 statement of the conditions of his parole and shall instruct him regarding the same. The conditions of
15 the reenrollment plan may be included in the conditions of parole. Violations of parole shall be heard by
16 the court pursuant to § 16.1-291. If the parole supervision is for an indeterminate period of time, the
17 director of the supervising court services unit may approve termination of parole supervision.

18 The Department shall notify the school division superintendent in the locality where the person was
19 enrolled of his commitment to a facility. The court services unit shall, in consultation with the
20 Department of Correctional Education, the local school division, and the juvenile correctional counselor,
21 develop a reenrollment plan if the person is of compulsory school attendance age or is eligible for
22 special education services pursuant to § 22.1-213. The reenrollment plan shall be in accordance with
23 regulations adopted by the Board of Education pursuant to § 22.1-17.1. The superintendent shall provide
24 the person's scholastic records, as defined in § 22.1-289, and the terms and conditions of any expulsion
25 which was in effect at the time of commitment or which will be in effect upon release. A court may not
26 order a local school board to reenroll a person who has been expelled in accordance with the procedures
27 set forth in § 22.1-277.06. At least 14 days prior to the person's scheduled release, the Department shall
28 notify the school division superintendent in the locality where the person will reside.

29 In the event it is determined by the juvenile and domestic relations district court that a person may
30 benefit from placement in the halfway house program operated by the Department, the person may be
31 referred for care and treatment to a halfway house. Persons so placed in a halfway house shall remain in
32 parole status and cannot be transferred or otherwise placed in another institutional setting or institutional
33 placement operated by the Department except as elsewhere provided by law for those persons who have
34 violated their parole status.

35 In the event that the person was in the custody of the local department of social services immediately
36 prior to his commitment to the Department and has not attained the age of 18 years, the local
37 department of social services shall resume custody upon the person's release from commitment, unless
38 an alternative arrangement for the custody of the person has been made and communicated in writing to
39 the Department. ~~The court services unit shall consult with the local department of social services four~~
40 ~~weeks~~ *At least 90 days* prior to the person's release from commitment on parole supervision, *(i) the*
41 *court services unit shall consult with the local department of social services* concerning return of the
42 person to the locality and the placement of the person *and (ii) the local department of social services*
43 *and the court services unit shall collaborate to develop a plan that prepares the person for successful*
44 *transition from the Department's commitment to the custody of the local department of social services or*
45 *to an alternative custody arrangement if applicable. The plan shall identify the services necessary for*
46 *such transition and how the services are to be provided.* The court services unit will be responsible for
47 supervising the person's terms and conditions of parole.