

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-905.2, relating to foster*
3 *children; credit checks.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-905.2 as follows:**

8 *§ 63.2-905.2. Annual credit checks for children in foster care.*

9 *Local departments shall conduct annual credit checks on children aged 16 years and older who are*
10 *in foster care to identify cases of identity theft or misuse of personal identifying information of such*
11 *children. Local departments shall resolve, to the greatest extent possible, cases of identity theft or*
12 *misuse of personal identifying information of foster care children identified pursuant to this section.*

13 **2. That the Department of Social Services shall develop and implement policies and procedures**
14 **designed to protect personal identifying information of children aged 16 years and older in foster**
15 **care in order to prevent identity theft by foster care providers and others who may have access to**
16 **personal identifying information of such children. In doing so, the Department shall include**
17 **policies and procedures for (i) assigning unique identifying numbers other than social security**
18 **numbers to children entering foster care; (ii) limiting, to the greatest extent possible, disclosure of**
19 **foster children's social security numbers and other unique identifying information to foster parents**
20 **or other persons who may have access to personal identifying information about a child in foster**
21 **care; and (iii) responding to valid requests for information regarding a foster child's social**
22 **security number or other personal identifying information from individuals and entities having a**
23 **legitimate need for such information. The Department shall also develop policies and procedure s**
24 **for conducting annual credit checks on foster children.**

25 **3. That the Department shall report to the General Assembly on its activities to implement**
26 **provisions of this act, including any recommendations for legislative or regulatory action necessary**
27 **to enable the Department to implement the provisions of this act, no later than December 1, 2012.**

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