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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 2369
2	Offered January 23, 2015
3 4	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-138, 9.1-150.2, 9.1-150.3, 16.1-253.4, 18.2-60.3, 18.2-463, 19.2-13, 10.2, 77, 10.2, 82, 1, 23, 232, 1, 23, 234, and 63, 2, 1500, of the Code of Virginia and to ground the Code
4 5	19.2-77, 19.2-82.1, 23-232.1, 23-234, and 63.2-1509 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 2.2 a section numbered 2.2-202.1 and by
6	adding a section numbered 15.2-1701.1, relating to police forces of the Commonwealth; private
7	security services businesses; private police departments; special conservators of the peace; campus
8	police departments.
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10	Patron—Berg (By Request)
11	Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety
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13	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
14	1. That §§ 9.1-138, 9.1-150.2, 9.1-150.3, 16.1-253.4, 18.2-60.3, 18.2-463, 19.2-13, 19.2-77, 19.2-82.1,
15 16	23-232.1, 23-234, and 63.2-1509 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 2.2 a section numbered
17	2.2-202.1 and by adding a section numbered 15.2-1701.1 as follows:
18	§ 2.2-202.1. Police forces of the Commonwealth.
19	A. Each of the Governor's Secretaries may, with the written approval of the Governor, establish one
20	or more police forces of the Commonwealth to secure property or the peace upon the grounds and
21 22	buildings of public property under the cognizance of such Secretary. B. Agencies of the Commonwealth authorized to enforce particular parts of Virginia law across the
$\frac{12}{23}$	Commonwealth shall be authorized by specific statute describing the authority and powers of the agency
24	and its officers.
25	C. Police forces authorized by specific statute as of July 1, 2014, for any Commonwealth authority,
26	commission, or department, or for other police forces of the Commonwealth, including public campus
27 28	police departments and the Capitol Police, shall continue to be authorized in accordance with applicable statutes. Other existing police forces of the Commonwealth intended to secure property or the
2 9	peace on grounds and buildings of the Commonwealth and not specifically authorized by statute as of
30	July 1, 2014, shall be organized under the authority granted within this section.
31	D. Except as otherwise provided by law, officers who conduct general policing and law-enforcement
32 33	activities in performance of their duties to secure property or the peace for grounds and buildings of the
33 34	Commonwealth, as established under this section, and any supervisory personnel who oversee such officers, shall maintain current registration and appointment as a special conservator of the peace
35	pursuant to § 19.2-13.
36	E. Police forces of the Commonwealth that use the title "police department" shall meet all the
37	applicable requirements established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to Chapter
38 39	<i>I</i> (§ 9.1-100 et seq.) of Title 9.1 for certified police departments. F. Unless otherwise provided by law, the jurisdiction of a police force of the Commonwealth
40	established under this section shall be limited to the specific property controlled by the Commonwealth
41	authority, commission, or department, and, when a mutual aid agreement, as hereby authorized,
42	pursuant to § 15.2-1726 between such police force and the governing body of the locality has been
43	established, for contiguous areas within the locality in which said property is located.
44 45	G. Unless otherwise provided by law, the jurisdiction of police forces authorized by a locality pursuant to subsection B of § $15.2-1701.1$ shall not be diminished or otherwise limited by the existence
46	of police forces of the Commonwealth established under this section, or otherwise, and no mutual aid
47	agreement, memorandum of understanding, or authorization for concurrent jurisdiction shall be required
48	for the authorized police forces of a locality to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth or local
49 50	ordinances on property of the Commonwealth.
50 51	§ 9.1-138. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in § 9.1-101, as used in this article, unless the context requires
52	a different meaning:
53	"Alarm respondent" means an individual who responds to the signal of an alarm for the purpose of
54	detecting an intrusion of the home, business or property of the end user.
55 56	"Armed" means a private security registrant who carries or has immediate access to a firearm in the
56	performance of his duties.

57 "Armed security officer" means a natural person employed to (i) safeguard and protect persons and
58 property or (ii) deter theft, loss, or concealment of any tangible or intangible personal property on the

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59 premises he is contracted to protect, and who carries or has access to a firearm in the performance of 60 his duties.

61 "Armored car personnel" means persons who transport or offer to transport under armed security 62 from one place to another, money, negotiable instruments or other valuables in a specially equipped 63 motor vehicle with a high degree of security and certainty of delivery.

"Business advertising material" means display advertisements in telephone directories, letterhead, 64 business cards, local newspaper advertising and contracts. 65

"Central station dispatcher" means an individual who monitors burglar alarm signal devices, burglar 66 alarms or any other electrical, mechanical or electronic device used (i) to prevent or detect burglary, 67 theft, shoplifting, pilferage or similar losses; (ii) to prevent or detect intrusion; or (iii) primarily to 68 69 summon aid for other emergencies.

"Certification" means the method of regulation indicating that qualified persons have met the 70 71 minimum requirements as private security services training schools, private security services instructors, compliance agents, or certified detector canine handler examiners. 72

"Compliance agent" means an individual who owns or is employed by a licensed private security 73 74 services business to ensure the compliance of the private security services business with this title.

75 "Computer or digital forensic services" means the use of highly specialized expertise for the 76 recovery, authentication, and analysis of electronic data or computer usage.

77 "Courier" means any armed person who transports or offers to transport from one place to another 78 documents or other papers, negotiable or nonnegotiable instruments, or other small items of value that 79 require expeditious services. 80

"Detector canine" means any dog that detects drugs or explosives.

"Detector canine handler" means any individual who uses a detector canine in the performance of 81 private security duties. 82

83 "Detector canine handler examiner" means any individual who examines the proficiency and 84 reliability of detector canines and detector canine handlers in the detection of drugs or explosives.

"Detector canine team" means the detector canine handler and his detector canine performing private 85 86 security duties.

87 "Electronic security business" means any person who engages in the business of or undertakes to (i) 88 install, service, maintain, design or consult in the design of any electronic security equipment to an end 89 user; (ii) respond to or cause a response to electronic security equipment for an end user; or (iii) have 90 access to confidential information concerning the design, extent, status, password, contact list, or 91 location of an end user's electronic security equipment.

"Electronic security employee" means an individual who is employed by an electronic security business in any capacity which may give him access to information concerning the design, extent, status, password, contact list, or location of an end user's electronic security equipment. 92 93 94

95 "Electronic security equipment" means (i) electronic or mechanical alarm signaling devices including burglar alarms or holdup alarms used to safeguard and protect persons and property; or (ii) cameras used 96 97 to detect intrusions, concealment or theft, to safeguard and protect persons and property. This shall not 98 include tags, labels, and other devices that are attached or affixed to items offered for sale, library 99 books, and other protected articles as part of an electronic article surveillance and theft detection and 100 deterrence system.

101 "Electronic security sales representative" means an individual who sells electronic security equipment 102 on behalf of an electronic security business to the end user.

"Electronic security technician" means an individual who installs, services, maintains or repairs 103 104 electronic security equipment.

"Electronic security technician's assistant" means an individual who works as a laborer under the 105 supervision of the electronic security technician in the course of his normal duties, but who may not 106 107 make connections to any electronic security equipment.

108 "Employed" means to be in an employer/employee relationship where the employee is providing work in exchange for compensation and the employer directly controls the employee's conduct and pays 109 some taxes on behalf of the employee. The term "employed" shall not be construed to include 110 111 independent contractors.

"End user" means any person who purchases or leases electronic security equipment for use in that 112 113 person's home or business.

114 "Firearms training verification" means the verification of successful completion of either initial or 115 retraining requirements for handgun or shotgun training, or both.

"General public" means individuals who have access to areas open to all and not restricted to any 116 117 particular class of the community.

"Key cutting" means making duplicate keys from an existing key and includes no other locksmith 118 119 services.

"License number" means the official number issued to a private security services business licensed by 120

121 the Department.

122 "Locksmith" means any individual that performs locksmith services, or advertises or represents to the 123 general public that the individual is a locksmith even if the specific term locksmith is substituted with 124 any other term by which a reasonable person could construe that the individual possesses special skills 125 relating to locks or locking devices, including use of the words lock technician, lockman, safe 126 technician, safeman, boxman, unlocking technician, lock installer, lock opener, physical security 127 technician or similar descriptions.

128 "Locksmith services" mean selling, servicing, rebuilding, repairing, rekeying, repinning, changing the 129 combination to an electronic or mechanical locking device; programming either keys to a device or the 130 device to accept electronic controlled keys; originating keys for locks or copying keys; adjusting or 131 installing locks or deadbolts, mechanical or electronic locking devices, egress control devices, safes, and 132 vaults; opening, defeating or bypassing locks or latching mechanisms in a manner other than intended by 133 the manufacturer; with or without compensation for the general public or on property not his own nor 134 under his own control or authority.

135 "Natural person" means an individual person.

136 "Personal protection specialist" means any individual who engages in the duties of providing close137 protection from bodily harm to any person.

"Private investigator" means any individual who engages in the business of, or accepts employment to make, investigations to obtain information on (i) crimes or civil wrongs; (ii) the location, disposition, or recovery of stolen property; (iii) the cause of accidents, fires, damages, or injuries to persons or to property; or (iv) evidence to be used before any court, board, officer, or investigative committee. *"Private investigator" does not include a special conservator of the peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13 while engaged in his official duties.*

144 "Private security services business" means any person engaged in the business of providing, or who 145 undertakes to provide, the services of alarm respondents, armed couriers, armored car personnel, 146 security officers, personal protection specialists, private investigators, couriers, security canine handlers, 147 security canine teams, detector canine handlers, detector canine teams, alarm respondents, locksmiths, 148 central station dispatchers, detector canine handlers, detector canine teams, electronic security 149 employees, electronic security sales representatives or electronic security technicians and their assistants, 150 locksmiths, personal protection specialists, private investigators, security canine handlers, security 151 canine teams, security officers, or special conservators of the peace, to another person under contract, 152 express or implied.

153 "Private security services instructor" means any individual certified by the Department to provide
 154 mandated instruction in private security subjects for a certified private security services training school.

"Private security services registrant" means any qualified individual who has met the requirements
under this article to perform the duties of alarm respondent, locksmith, armored car personnel, central
station dispatcher, courier, electronic security sales representative, electronic security technician,
electronic security technician's assistant, personal protection specialist, private investigator, security
canine handler, detector canine handler, unarmed security officer or armed security officer.

"Private security services training school" means any person certified by the Department to provide
 instruction in private security subjects for the training of private security services business personnel in
 accordance with this article.

163 "Registration" means a method of regulation whereby certain personnel employed by a private164 security services business are required to register with the Department pursuant to this article.

"Registration category" means any one of the following categories: (i) unarmed security officer and armed security officer/courier, (ii) security canine handler, (iii) armored car personnel, (iv) private investigator, (v) personal protection specialist, (vi) alarm respondent, (vii) central station dispatcher, (viii) electronic security sales representative, (ix) electronic security technician, (x) electronic technician's assistant, (xi) detector canine handler, or (xii) locksmith.

170 "Security canine" means a dog that has attended, completed, and been certified as a security canine
171 by a certified security canine handler instructor in accordance with approved Department procedures and
172 certification guidelines. "Security canines" shall not include detector dogs.

173 "Security canine handler" means any individual who utilizes his security canine in the performance of174 private security duties.

175 "Security canine team" means the security canine handler and his security canine performing private176 security duties.

177 "Special conservator of the peace" means any person appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13 who performs
178 duties as permitted by his order of appointment pursuant to § 19.2-13.

179 "Supervisor" means any individual who directly or indirectly supervises registered or certified private180 security services business personnel.

181 "Unarmed security officer" means a natural person who performs the functions of observation,

182 detection, reporting, or notification of appropriate authorities or designated agents regarding persons or
183 property on the premises he is contracted to protect, and who does not carry or have access to a firearm
184 in the performance of his duties.

185 § 9.1-150.2. Powers of Criminal Justice Services Board relating to special conservators of the 186 peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13.

187 The Board may shall adopt regulations establishing compulsory minimum, entry-level, in-service, and 188 advanced training standards for special conservators of the peace. The regulations may include provisions delegating to the Board's staff the right to inspect the facilities and programs of persons 189 190 conducting training to ensure compliance with the law and its regulations. In establishing compulsory 191 training standards for special conservators of the peace, the Board shall ensure the public safety and 192 welfare against incompetent or unqualified persons engaging in the activities regulated by this section. The regulations may provide for exemption from training of persons having previous employment as 193 194 law-enforcement officers for a state or the federal government. However, no such exemption shall be 195 granted to persons having less than five continuous years of such employment, nor shall an exemption 196 be provided for any person whose employment as a law-enforcement officer was terminated because of 197 his misconduct or incompetence. The regulations may include provisions for partial exemption from such training for persons having previous training that meets or exceeds the minimum training standards and 198 199 has been approved by the Department. The Board may also adopt regulations that (i) establish the 200 qualifications of applicants for registration; (ii) cause to be examined the qualifications of each applicant 201 for registration; (iii) provide for collection of fees for registration and renewal that are sufficient to 202 cover all expenses for administration and operation of a program of registration; (iv) ensure continued 203 competency and prevent deceptive or misleading practices by practitioners; (v) effectively administer the regulatory system promulgated by the Board; (vi) provide for receipt of complaints concerning the conduct of any person whose activities are regulated by the Board; (vii) provide for investigations, of 204 205 206 complaints and appropriate disciplinary action if warranted; and (viii) allow the Board to refuse to 207 provide eligibility authorization, or revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a registration, certification, or 208 license for just cause as enumerated in regulations of the Board. The Board shall not adopt compulsory, 209 minimum, entry-level training standards in excess of 24 hours for unarmed special conservators of the 210 peace or in excess of 40 hours for armed special conservators of the peace. In adopting its regulations, 211 the Board shall seek the advice of the Private Security Services Advisory Board established pursuant to § 9.1-143. 212

§ 9.1-150.3. Powers of Department of Criminal Justice Services relating to special conservators of the peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13.

215 A. In addition to the powers otherwise conferred upon it by law, the Department may, in accordance 216 with its regulations, (i) charge each applicant for registration a nonrefundable fee as established by the Board to cover the costs of the Department for processing an application for registration, and 217 218 enforcement of the regulations, and other costs associated with the maintenance of the program of 219 regulation; (ii) charge nonrefundable fees for private security services or special conservator of the 220 peace training as established by the Board for processing school certifications and enforcement of 221 training standards; and (iii) conduct investigations process applications in accordance with § 19.2-13 to 222 determine the suitability of applicants for registration, including a drug and alcohol screening. For 223 purposes of this investigation processing, the Department shall require the applicant for registration to 224 provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded, along with the applicant's fingerprints, to the 225 Central Criminal Records Exchange for the purpose of conducting a Virginia criminal history records 226 search. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall forward the fingerprints and personal description 227 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining a national criminal record check.

228 B. The Director or his designee may make an ex parte application to the circuit court for the city or 229 county wherein evidence sought is kept or wherein a licensee does business for the issuance of a 230 subpoena duces tecum in furtherance of the investigation of a sworn complaint within the jurisdiction of 231 the Department or the Board to request production of any relevant records, documents and physical or 232 other evidence of any person, partnership, association or corporation licensed or regulated by the 233 Department pursuant to this article. The court may issue and compel compliance with such a subpoena 234 upon a showing of reasonable cause. Upon determining that reasonable cause exists to believe that 235 evidence may be destroyed or altered, the court may issue a subpoena duces tecum requiring the 236 immediate production of evidence. Costs of the investigation and adjudication of violations of this article 237 or Board regulations may be recovered. All costs recovered shall be deposited into the state treasury to 238 the credit of the Conservators of the Peace Regulatory Fund. Such proceedings shall be brought in the 239 name of the Commonwealth by the Department in the circuit court of the city or county in which the unlawful act occurred or in which the defendant resides. The Director, or agents appointed by him, shall 240 241 have the authority to administer oaths or affirmations for the purpose of receiving complaints and 242 conducting investigations of violations of this article, or any regulation promulgated hereunder and to 243 serve process issued by the Department or the Board.

244 § 15.2-1701.1. Establishment of private police departments.

A. For purposes of this section, "private police department" means any private entity, being any group of individuals, firm, company, corporation, partnership, business, trust, association, or other private legal entity, or a subordinate organization to such an entity, authorized by ordinance to provide private policing services pursuant to this section.

249 B. Any locality may, by ordinance, authorize the formation of one or more private police 250 departments to provide private policing upon real property owned or leased by a private entity and for 251 other contiguous areas within specific geographic limitations not extending beyond the political 252 boundaries of the locality, as specified within the ordinance, provided that such private police 253 departments and those employed or otherwise utilized by them to perform general private policing and 254 law-enforcement functions shall be subject to and comply in their duties with the United States 255 Constitution and the Constitution of Virginia, and be currently certified by the Department of Criminal Justice Services to be in compliance with the provisions of §§ 9.1-130, 9.1-600, 15.2-1705, 15.2-1706, 256 15.2-1718, 15.2-1718.1, and 15.2-1722. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall adopt 257 258 regulations for the certification of private police departments and, upon application, provide such 259 certification prior to the passage of such an ordinance. Officers who conduct private policing and 260 law-enforcement activities for any private police department and any supervisory personnel who oversee 261 such officers shall maintain current registration and appointment as a special conservator of the peace 262 appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13 in addition to other requirements that may be placed upon them by law.

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 263 C. Training exemptions allowed under § 9.1-116 shall not apply to personnel employed or otherwise
 264 utilized to perform private policing and law-enforcement functions under this section.

D. Any private police department established by ordinance pursuant to this section shall be required 265 266 to maintain liability insurance or self-insurance in a reasonable minimum amount and with coverage as 267 required by the locality in the ordinance authorizing the formation of the private police department not 268 to be less than the coverage required for private security services businesses under § 9.1-144 or to 269 exceed that coverage required of other police forces authorized by the locality or as otherwise required 270 by law. Authorization by a locality for the formation of a private police department shall not constitute 271 a waiver of sovereign immunity on the part of the Commonwealth or the locality and shall not incur 272 liability on the part of either for the acts or omissions of any private police department so authorized.

E. A locality shall not replace or subordinate any authorized police forces empowered by the locality
within its political boundaries pursuant to § 15.2-1701, or the chief law-enforcement officer thereof,
and shall not relieve a public police department of primary law-enforcement responsibility for the
locality with a private police department or any private police personnel.

F. A private police department shall not relieve a sheriff's office of primary law-enforcement
responsibility, and, as such, formation of a private police department shall not be subject to § 15.2-1702
or 15.2-1703.

280 G. The governing body of a locality, with the agreement of a private police department authorized by
281 this section, may include participation of such private police department in a mutual aid agreement
282 made by the locality pursuant to § 15.2-1726.

H. No locality shall be eligible to receive state funds under § 9.1-168 or 9.1-169, or otherwise, for
 the authorization, establishment, or existence of private police departments.

I. The Superintendent of State Police and the chief law-enforcement officer of a locality shall
 exercise discretion to provide private police departments with access to law-enforcement-sensitive
 intelligence information controlled by government sources but only in accordance with the laws of the
 United States and the laws of the Commonwealth.

J. Employment or other utilization of personnel by private police departments authorized under this section does not, by itself, make such a person an employee of the Commonwealth or any locality within the meaning of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act (§ 65.2-100 et seq.), or make such a person eligible for benefits under the Virginia Retirement System, or make the Line of Duty Act (§ 9.1-400 et seq.) applicable to such a person unless otherwise specified by the laws of the Commonwealth.

K. Private police departments authorized under this section may be authorized by the locality, by ordinance, for restitution of reasonable expenses pursuant to §§ 15.2-1716, 15.2-1716.1, and 15.2-1716.2.

L. No private police department authorized under this section shall be empowered to act pursuant to
§ 15.2-1719 or 15.2-1721. Unclaimed personal property or firearms as described in § 15.2-1719 or
15.2-1721 obtained by a private police department shall be delivered to, or retrieved by, the chief
law-enforcement officer within the locality for disposal under the laws of the Commonwealth.

M. No private police department shall conduct asset forfeiture seizures, except for the taking of
 private property that is necessary to secure evidence of alleged criminal activity for lawful investigation
 and future prosecution, and no private police department shall receive monies held or disbursed by the
 Commonwealth, any of its political subdivisions, authorities, commissions, or departments under any

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305 asset forfeiture or seizure program or through any other diversion and disbursement of such funds held 306 by the Commonwealth.

307 N. Authorization for the formation of private police departments shall not include authority for a 308 private police department to establish or maintain auxiliary police forces pursuant to § 15.2-1731 or 309 otherwise.

310 O. Private police departments authorized under this section, including those officers employed or 311 otherwise utilized by such a private police department to provide private policing and conduct law-enforcement activities, shall not be authorized under the color of authority granted within this 312 313 section to conduct private policing services, private security services business, or off-duty policing 314 services for third parties either private or public. This section does not prohibit uncompensated mutual aid pursuant to a mutual aid agreement or memorandum of understanding between a locality and a 315 316 private police department, and this section does not prohibit the separate operation of licensed private security services business activities under the laws of the Commonwealth. 317

318 P. No private police departments authorized under this section shall be exclusively eligible to receive 319 public funding or the benefit of other public resources except where the same public funding and public 320 resources are also made available to other qualified private entities conducting security and private 321 policing functions for public benefit within the same jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. Nothing in this 322 section shall prevent the collection of service fees, usage fees, or subscription fees by governmental 323 entities in return for services to such private entities in accordance with a published fee schedule and 324 the laws of the Commonwealth.

325 Q. This section shall not prohibit the private operation of a criminal justice agency, as defined in 326 § 9.1-101, or the employment or other utilization, in limited policing and law-enforcement roles, of special conservators of the peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13, by private or public police 327 departments, and this section does not apply to police departments authorized and organized under Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23 or to railroad police departments or to other police 328 329 330 departments authorized under the laws of the United States.

331 R. Effective September 1, 2015, any private entity that provides security services or private policing services shall be prohibited from using, as part of any business, "doing business as," or organizational name in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the words "police," "police department," "sheriff," "sheriff's 332 333 334 department," or using any other such business or organizational name that is substantially the same as 335 those in use by any federal law-enforcement entity or by any law-enforcement entity of the 336 Commonwealth, or its political subdivisions, authorities, commissions, or departments, except that the 337 governing body of a locality may, by ordinance, authorize a private police department within the 338 locality's jurisdiction and authorized pursuant to this section to use the words "police" or "police 339 department" within such a business or organizational name.

S. References within the laws of the Commonwealth, or within local ordinances, to a police 340 341 department or police forces shall not apply to or indicate the inclusion of a private police department 342 unless specified as such.

343 T. The jurisdiction of police forces authorized by a locality shall not be diminished or otherwise 344 limited by any authorization for the formation of a private police department, and no mutual aid 345 agreement, memorandum of understanding, or authorization for concurrent jurisdiction shall be required 346 for the authorized police forces of a locality to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth or local 347 ordinances on private property where allowed by law. 348

§ 16.1-253.4. Emergency protective orders authorized in certain cases; penalty.

349 A. Any judge of a circuit court, general district court, juvenile and domestic relations district court or 350 magistrate may issue a written or oral ex parte emergency protective order pursuant to this section in 351 order to protect the health or safety of any person.

352 B. When a law-enforcement officer or an allegedly abused person asserts under oath to a judge or 353 magistrate, and on that assertion or other evidence the judge or magistrate (i) finds that a warrant for a 354 violation of § 18.2-57.2 has been issued or issues a warrant for violation of § 18.2-57.2 and finds that 355 there is probable danger of further acts of family abuse against a family or household member by the 356 respondent or (ii) finds that reasonable grounds exist to believe that the respondent has committed 357 family abuse and there is probable danger of a further such offense against a family or household 358 member by the respondent, the judge or magistrate shall issue an ex parte emergency protective order, 359 except if the respondent is a minor, an emergency protective order shall not be required, imposing one 360 or more of the following conditions on the respondent:

1. Prohibiting acts of family abuse or criminal offenses that result in injury to person or property;

362 2. Prohibiting such contacts by the respondent with the allegedly abused person or family or 363 household members of the allegedly abused person as the judge or magistrate deems necessary to protect 364 the safety of such persons;

3. Granting the family or household member possession of the premises occupied by the parties to 365 366 the exclusion of the respondent; however, no such grant of possession shall affect title to any real or

367 personal property; and

368 4. Granting the petitioner the possession of any companion animal as defined in § 3.2-6500 if such petitioner meets the definition of owner in § 3.2-6500.

When the judge or magistrate considers the issuance of an emergency protective order pursuant to clause (i), he shall presume that there is probable danger of further acts of family abuse against a family or household member by the respondent unless the presumption is rebutted by the allegedly abused person.

374 C. An emergency protective order issued pursuant to this section shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the 375 third day following issuance. If the expiration occurs on a day that the court is not in session, the 376 emergency protective order shall be extended until 11:59 p.m. on the next day that the juvenile and 377 domestic relations district court is in session. When issuing an emergency protective order under this 378 section, the judge or magistrate shall provide the protected person or the law-enforcement officer seeking 379 the emergency protective order with the form for use in filing petitions pursuant to § 16.1-253.1 and 380 written information regarding protective orders that shall include the telephone numbers of domestic 381 violence agencies and legal referral sources on a form prepared by the Supreme Court. If these forms 382 are provided to a law-enforcement officer, the officer may provide these forms to the protected person 383 when giving the emergency protective order to the protected person. The respondent may at any time 384 file a motion with the court requesting a hearing to dissolve or modify the order issued hereunder. The 385 hearing on the motion shall be given precedence on the docket of the court.

386 D. A law-enforcement officer may request an emergency protective order pursuant to this section 387 and, if the person in need of protection is physically or mentally incapable of filing a petition pursuant to § 16.1-253.1 or 16.1-279.1, may request the extension of an emergency protective order for an 388 389 additional period of time not to exceed three days after expiration of the original order. The request for 390 an emergency protective order or extension of an order may be made orally, in person or by electronic 391 means, and the judge of a circuit court, general district court, or juvenile and domestic relations district 392 court or a magistrate may issue an oral emergency protective order. An oral emergency protective order 393 issued pursuant to this section shall be reduced to writing, by the law-enforcement officer requesting the 394 order or the magistrate on a preprinted form approved and provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia. 395 The completed form shall include a statement of the grounds for the order asserted by the officer or the 396 allegedly abused person.

397 E. The court or magistrate shall forthwith, but in all cases no later than the end of the business day 398 on which the order was issued, enter and transfer electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information 399 Network the respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each 400 protected person provided to the court or magistrate. A copy of an emergency protective order issued 401 pursuant to this section containing any such identifying information shall be forwarded forthwith to the 402 primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders. Upon receipt of 403 the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any 404 modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and 405 406 maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be 407 served forthwith upon the respondent and due return made to the court. However, if the order is issued 408 by the circuit court, the clerk of the circuit court shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the order 409 containing the respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each 410 protected person provided to the court to the primary law-enforcement agency providing service and 411 entry of protective orders and upon receipt of the order, the primary law-enforcement agency shall enter 412 the name of the person subject to the order and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Network established and maintained by the 413 Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be served forthwith 414 on the respondent. Upon service, the agency making service shall enter the date and time of service and 415 other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal 416 417 Information Network and make due return to the court. One copy of the order shall be given to the 418 allegedly abused person when it is issued, and one copy shall be filed with the written report required 419 by subsection D of § 19.2-81.3. The judge or magistrate who issues an oral order pursuant to an 420 electronic request by a law-enforcement officer shall verify the written order to determine whether the 421 officer who reduced it to writing accurately transcribed the contents of the oral order. The original copy 422 shall be filed with the clerk of the juvenile and domestic relations district court within five business 423 days of the issuance of the order. If the order is later dissolved or modified, a copy of the dissolution or modification order shall also be attested, forwarded forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency 424 425 responsible for service and entry of protective orders, and upon receipt of the order by the primary 426 law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police 427

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428 into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described above and the order shall be served 429 forthwith and due return made to the court. Upon request, the clerk shall provide the allegedly abused 430 person with information regarding the date and time of service.

431 F. The availability of an emergency protective order shall not be affected by the fact that the family 432 or household member left the premises to avoid the danger of family abuse by the respondent.

433 G. The issuance of an emergency protective order shall not be considered evidence of any 434 wrongdoing by the respondent.

H. As used in this section, "law-enforcement officer" means (i) any full-time or part-time employee 435 436 of a police department or sheriff's office which is part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any 437 political subdivision thereof and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the Commonwealth; (ii) any member of an 438 auxiliary police force established pursuant to § 15.2-1731; and (iii) any special conservator of the peace 439 440 who meets the certification requirements for a law-enforcement officer as set forth in § 15.2-1706 or has 441 been authorized to petition the court to request an emergency custody order under this section pursuant 442 to subdivision J 1 b of § 19.2-13. Part-time employees are compensated officers who are not full-time 443 employees as defined by the employing police department or sheriff's office.

444 I. Neither a law-enforcement agency, the attorney for the Commonwealth, a court nor the clerk's 445 office, nor any employee of them, may disclose, except among themselves, the residential address, 446 telephone number, or place of employment of the person protected by the order or that of the family of 447 such person, except to the extent that disclosure is (i) required by law or the Rules of the Supreme 448 Court, (ii) necessary for law-enforcement purposes, or (iii) permitted by the court for good cause. 449

J. As used in this section, "copy" includes a facsimile copy. K. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.

L. Except as provided in § 16.1-253.2, a violation of a protective order issued under this section shall 451 452 constitute contempt of court.

§ 18.2-60.3. Stalking; penalty.

A. Any person, except a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, or a special conservator of 454 455 the peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13, and acting in the performance of his official duties, and a 456 registered private investigator, as defined in § 9.1-138, who is regulated in accordance with § 9.1-139 457 and acting in the course of his legitimate business, who on more than one occasion engages in conduct 458 directed at another person with the intent to place, or when he knows or reasonably should know that 459 the conduct places that other person in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury 460 to that other person or to that other person's family or household member is guilty of a Class 1 461 misdemeanor.

B. Any person who is convicted of a second offense of subsection A occurring within five years of a 462 463 prior conviction of such an offense when the person was also convicted within the five-year period prior 464 to the instant offense of a violation of (i) § 18.2-51, 18.2-51.2, 18.2-51.6, 18.2-52, or 18.2-57 and the 465 victim of that crime was the same person who is the victim of the stalking activity in the instant conviction, (ii) § 18.2-57.2, or (iii) a protective order, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. 466

C. Any person convicted of a third or subsequent conviction of subsection A occurring within five 467 **468** years of a conviction for an offense under this section or for a similar offense under the law of any 469 other jurisdiction is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

470 D. A person may be convicted under this section irrespective of the jurisdiction or jurisdictions 471 within the Commonwealth wherein the conduct described in subsection A occurred, if the person 472 engaged in that conduct on at least one occasion in the jurisdiction where the person is tried. Evidence 473 of any such conduct that occurred outside the Commonwealth may be admissible, if relevant, in any 474 prosecution under this section provided that the prosecution is based upon conduct occurring within the 475 Commonwealth.

476 E. Upon finding a person guilty under this section, the court shall, in addition to the sentence 477 imposed, issue an order prohibiting contact between the defendant and the victim or the victim's family 478 or household member.

479 F. The Department of Corrections, sheriff or regional jail director shall give notice prior to the 480 release from a state correctional facility or a local or regional jail of any person incarcerated upon 481 conviction of a violation of this section, to any victim of the offense who, in writing, requests notice, or 482 to any person designated in writing by the victim. The notice shall be given at least 15 days prior to release of a person sentenced to a term of incarceration of more than 30 days or, if the person was 483 484 sentenced to a term of incarceration of at least 48 hours but no more than 30 days, 24 hours prior to 485 release. If the person escapes, notice shall be given as soon as practicable following the escape. The 486 victim shall keep the Department of Corrections, sheriff or regional jail director informed of the current 487 mailing address and telephone number of the person named in the writing submitted to receive notice.

488 All information relating to any person who receives or may receive notice under this subsection shall 489 remain confidential and shall not be made available to the person convicted of violating this section.

490 For purposes of this subsection, "release" includes a release of the offender from a state correctional
491 facility or a local or regional jail (i) upon completion of his term of incarceration or (ii) on probation or
492 parole.

493 No civil liability shall attach to the Department of Corrections nor to any sheriff or regional jail
494 director or their deputies or employees for a failure to comply with the requirements of this subsection.
495 G. For purposes of this section:

495 "Family or household member" has the same meaning as provided in § 16.1-228.

497 § 18.2-463. Refusal to aid officer in execution of his office.

498 If any person on being required by any sheriff or other officer law-enforcement officer, as defined in 499 § 9.1-101, or special conservator of the peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13 when in the performance 500 of his official duties, shall refuse or neglect to assist him: (1) (i) in the execution of his office in a 501 criminal case, (2) (ii) in the preservation of the peace, (3) (iii) in the apprehending or securing of any 502 person for a breach of the peace, or (4) (iv) in any case of escape or rescue, he shall be guilty of a 503 Class 2 misdemeanor.

504 § 19.2-13. Special conservators of the peace; authority; application; eligibility; jurisdiction; 505 registration; bond or insurance; liability; penalty; limitations.

506 A. Upon the application of (i) any sheriff or chief of police of any county, city, or town; (ii) any 507 corporation authorized to do business in the Commonwealth; (iii) the owner, proprietor, or authorized 508 custodian of any place within the Commonwealth; Θ (iv) any museum owned and managed by the 509 Commonwealth; (v) any political subdivision, authority, commission, or department of the 510 Commonwealth; or (vi) the Commonwealth's Commissioner of Marine Resources, joined by the person 511 to be appointed as a special conservator of the peace who is referred to in this section as the "prospective appointee," a circuit court judge of any county or city shall appoint special conservators of 512 513 the peace who shall serve as such for such length of time as the court may designate, but not exceeding 514 four years under any one appointment, during which time the court shall retain jurisdiction over the 515 appointment order, upon a showing by the applicant of a necessity for the security of property or the 516 peace and presentation of evidence that the person or persons to be appointed as a special conservator of 517 the peace possess prospective appointee possesses a valid special conservator of the peace eligibility 518 authorization or registration issued by the Department of Criminal Justice Services in accordance with 519 the provisions of subsection B. However, a judge may deny or revoke the appointment for good cause, 520 and shall state the specific reasons for the denial or revocation in writing in the order denying or 521 revoking the appointment. The order of appointment may provide that a special conservator of the peace 522 shall have all the powers, functions, duties, responsibilities and authority of any other conservator of the 523 peace within such geographical limitations as the court may deem appropriate within the confines of the 524 county, city or town that makes application or within the county, city or town where the corporate 525 applicant is located, limited, except as provided in subsection E, to the judicial circuit wherein application has been made, whenever such special conservator of the peace is engaged in the 526 527 performance of his duties as such. The order may also provide that the special conservator of the peace 528 is a "law-enforcement officer" for the purposes of Article 4 (§ 37.2-808 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 529 37.2 or Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1. The order may also provide that the 530 special conservator of the peace is authorized to use the seal of the Commonwealth in a badge or other eredential of office as the court may deem appropriate. The order may also provide that the special 531 532 conservator of the peace may use the title "police" on any badge or uniform worn in the performance of 533 his duties as such. The order may also provide that a special conservator of the peace who has 534 completed the minimum training standards established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, has the authority to affect arrests, using up to the same amount of force as would be allowed to a 535 536 law-enforcement officer employed by the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions when 537 making a lawful arrest. The order also may (a) require the local sheriff or chief of police to conduct a 538 background investigation which may include a review of the applicant's school records, employment 539 records, or interviews with persons possessing general knowledge of the applicant's character and fitness 540 for such appointment and (b) limit the use of flashing lights and sirens on personal vehicles used by the 541 conservator in the performance of his duties. Prior to granting an application for appointment, the circuit 542 court shall ensure that the applicant has met the registration requirements established by the Criminal 543 Justice Services Board. When the applicant is the sheriff or chief of police of any county, city, town, or 544 an entity controlled by the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, authorities, commissions, 545 or departments, or the Commonwealth's Commissioner of Marine Resources, or a private police 546 department pursuant to § 15.2-1701.1, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that there is a necessity 547 for the security of property or the peace. 548

548 B. Effective September 15, 2004, no person applicant shall seek the appointment as of a special 549 conservator of the peace from a circuit court judge without possessing unless the prospective appointee 550 possesses a valid special conservator of the peace eligibility authorization or registration issued by the

551 Department of Criminal Justice Services, except as provided in this section. Applicants for registration 552 *Prospective appointees* may submit an application for registration on or after January July 1, 2004 2015. Temporary eligibility authorization letters not invalidated for just cause shall be valid for at least 180 553 554 days but not more than one year. A temporary registration eligibility authorization may also be issued 555 in accordance with regulations established by the Criminal Justice Services Board while awaiting the 556 results of a state and national fingerprint search. However, no person shall be issued a temporary 557 registration eligibility authorization until he has (i) complied with, or been exempted from the 558 compulsory minimum training standards as set forth in this section required by the Board, (ii) submitted 559 his fingerprints on a form provided by the Department to be used for the conduct of a national criminal records search and a Virginia criminal history records search, and (iii) provided the Department with 560 proof of surety bond coverage or, in lieu of such bond, insurance or self-insurance coverage as required 561 in subsection C, (iv) provided the Department with acceptable documentation verifying legal presence, 562 563 (v) provided, on a form established by the Department, a description of what qualifications or training 564 endorsements will be applicable to the authority and powers to be requested for any subsequent orders of appointment, and (vi) met all other requirements of this article and Board regulations. No person with 565 566 a criminal conviction for a misdemeanor involving (a) moral turpitude, (b) assault and battery, (c) damage to real or personal property, (d) controlled substances or imitation controlled substances as 567 defined in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, (e) prohibited sexual behavior as 568 569 described in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, (f) firearms, or (g) stalking as described in § 18.2-60.3 or with a criminal conviction for any felony, or who is required to register 570 with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of 571 572 Title 9.1, or who has been decertified as a law-enforcement officer shall be registered as a special conservator of the peace. All appointments for special conservators of the peace shall become void on 573 574 September 15, 2004 2015, unless they have obtained a valid special conservator of the peace eligibility 575 authorization or registration issued by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

576 C. Each person registered as or seeking registration as a special conservator of the peace shall be 577 covered by (i) a cash bond, or a surety bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in 578 the Commonwealth, in a reasonable, *minimum* amount to be fixed *through regulations adopted* by the 579 Board, not to be less than \$10,000 or more than \$100,000, conditioned upon the faithful and honest 580 conduct of his business or employment; official duties as a special conservator of the peace, or (ii) 581 evidence of, in lieu of such bond, a policy of liability insurance or self-insurance in an a like minimum 582 amount and with *like* coverage as fixed by the Board. Any person who is aggrieved by the misconduct 583 of any person registered conducting activities as a special conservator of the peace and recovers a 584 judgment against the registrant such special conservator of the peace related to such misconduct, which is unsatisfied in whole or in part, may bring an action in his own name against the bond or insurance 585 586 policy of the registrant such person. Applicants requesting the appointment of a special conservator of 587 the peace shall also be required to have a separate policy of liability insurance or self-insurance, covering the acts and omissions of the special conservator of the peace in performance of his duties for 588 589 the applicant, in a minimum amount and with coverage as fixed through regulations adopted by the 590 Board, but not to exceed the amount and type of coverage required of a licensed private security 591 services business under § 9.1-144 and otherwise by the laws of the Commonwealth.

592 D. Individuals listed in § 19.2-12, individuals who have complied with or been exempted pursuant to 593 subsection A of § 9.1-141, individuals employed as law enforcement officers as defined in § 9.1-101 594 who have met the minimum qualifications set forth in §- 15.2-1705 shall be exempt from the requirements in subsections A through C. Further, individuals appointed under subsection A and 595 596 employed by a private corporation or entity that meets the requirements of subdivision (ii) of the definition of criminal justice agency in § 9.1-101, shall be exempt from the registration requirements of 597 598 subsection A and from subsections B and C provided they have met the minimum qualifications set 599 forth in § 15.2-1705. The Department of Criminal Justice Services shall, upon request by the circuit 600 court, provide evidence to the circuit court of such employment prior to appointing an individual special 601 conservator of the peace. The employing agency shall notify the circuit court within 30 days after the date such individual has left employment and all powers of the special conservator of the peace shall be 602 603 void. Failure to provide such notification shall be punishable by a fine of \$250 plus an additional \$50 per day for each day such notice is not provided. Prior to granting an application for appointment, the **604** 605 circuit court shall ensure that the applicant and prospective appointee have met registration eligibility 606 and training requirements established by this section and the Board as indicated to the circuit court by 607 proof of insurance required of the applicant in subsection C and an eligibility authorization letter from the Department of Criminal Justice Services showing a description of recorded qualifications and 608 609 training endorsements for the prospective appointee or as indicated by a special conservator of the 610 peace registration showing the qualifications and training endorsements of the prospective appointee.

611 E. Where a special conservator of the peace acts in a capacity as employee or agent of another in 612 furtherance of private goals, policies, or regulations, his appointment as special conservator of the

613 peace shall not relieve either the special conservator of the peace or his employer or principal from 614 civil liability arising out of any wrongful action or conduct of the special conservator of the peace while 615 in the performance of his duties as such. Nothing in this section shall relieve a special conservator of 616 the peace who is an operator of an emergency vehicle from civil liability for failure to use reasonable 617 care in the operation of such a vehicle.

618 F. Each applicant seeking an order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace shall, 619 contemporaneously with the filing of the application, provide a copy of each application, allowing for 620 the exclusion of any privacy addendum, and give notice to the attorney for the Commonwealth and the 621 chief law-enforcement officer for each locality in which the applicant seeks the empowerment of a 622 special conservator of the peace. A copy of such notice shall be included by the applicant with the 623 application for the order of appointment submitted to the circuit court. The circuit court shall provide 624 the attorney for the Commonwealth and the chief law-enforcement officer of any locality in which the 625 applicant has requested the empowerment of a special conservator of the peace 21 days to appear and 626 make motion, accompanied by a sworn affidavit, as to substantive reasons why the applicant or the 627 prospective appointee are or are not suitable for such an appointment, and the circuit court may also, 628 at the court's discretion and within the same time, allow the appearance and such motions of such 629 localities and their other law-enforcement agencies. A hearing shall be set by the circuit court at the 630 request of the applicant or at the discretion of the circuit court judge.

631 G. Upon receipt of the completed application, the circuit court judge may request that any state or 632 local law-enforcement agency conduct, for the benefit of the circuit court, a background investigation 633 that may include a review of all available records concerning the applicant as well as a review of the 634 prospective appointee's school records, employment records, or interviews with persons possessing 635 general knowledge of the prospective appointee's character and fitness for such appointment. The 636 law-enforcement agency may charge the applicant a fee not to exceed \$50 to cover actual costs associated with the conduct of such investigation. However, such investigations shall not be required for 637 those persons currently appointed as special conservators of the peace at the time the application is 638 639 filed or for applicants and prospective appointees when such an investigation has already been 640 conducted by any state or local law-enforcement entity within four years prior to the date the 641 application is filed. Any information obtained from such investigations related to a special conservator 642 of the peace registration or appointment shall not be considered a matter of public record.

H. The circuit court shall grant the application upon finding that a preponderance of the evidence 643 644 exists to (i) show a necessity for the security of property or the peace as presented by the applicant and, 645 if applicable, the prospective appointee, the attorney for the Commonwealth, the local chief law-enforcement officer, and other parties as allowed by the court and (ii) indicate that the 646 647 qualifications of the prospective appointee as provided in the eligibility authorization or registration 648 issued by the Department are consistent with the authority and powers sought for the prospective appointee. The court shall enter such order within 60 days from receipt of the application but may 649 650 extend entry of such order for an additional 60 days if more time is required to process the application, 651 upon notice to the applicant.

652 I. When the application is made granted, the circuit court shall, allowing for the use of a privacy 653 addendum, specify in the order of appointment the information required to be reported to the **654** Department of State Police included in subsection U, the name of the applicant authorized under 655 subsection A and, the geographic jurisdiction limitations of the special conservator of the peace, and the 656 authority and powers granted to, and if any limitations are imposed upon, the special conservator of the peace in accordance with this section. The order of appointment shall be issued on a form developed by 657 658 the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia specifying the information 659 required within this section. The circuit court shall not provide within an order of appointment for a 660 special conservator of the peace additional authority, powers, jurisdiction, or limitations beyond the scope of this section and shall not grant authority or powers for which the special conservator of the 661 peace is not qualified. Court appointments shall be limited to specific counties, cities, and towns within **662** 663 the judicial circuit wherein application has been made. In the case of a corporation or other business, the 664 court appointment may also include, for good cause shown, any real property owned or leased by the 665 corporation or business, including any subsidiaries, in other specifically named counties, cities and 666 counties, and towns, indicated in the order of appointment with specific physical addresses, but shall provide that the powers *initiating authority* of the special conservator of the peace do does not extend 667 668 beyond the boundaries of such real property.

669 J. The order of appointment shall specify whether the special conservator of the peace is appointed 670 as a conservator of the peace or for the purpose of code enforcement.

671 1. The order of appointment may provide that a special conservator of the peace appointed as a
672 conservator of the peace who has completed the minimum training standards established by the
673 Department of Criminal Justice Services as such shall have all the powers, functions, duties,

674 responsibilities, and authority of any other conservator of the peace, except as provided in this article, 675 and including, but not limited to, the powers and duties generally in Article 2 (§ 19.2-18 et seq.) and § 46.2-102, and have the authority and power to make an arrest with a warrant issued by a court of 676 677 competent jurisdiction, within such geographical limitations as the court may deem appropriate within 678 the confines of the county, city, town, or Commonwealth authority or commission that makes application 679 or within the counties, cities, or towns where the corporate applicant does business or other applicant is 680 located, limited, except as provided in subsection I, to the judicial circuit wherein application has been 681 made, whenever such special conservator of the peace is engaged in the performance of his official 682 duties.

683 a. The order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace appointed as a conservator of the **684** peace who has completed and currently meets the minimum compulsory law-enforcement standards for 15.2-1705 and 15.2-1706, as verified by the **685** certified law-enforcement officers pursuant to §§ 686 Department, may also provide that such a special conservator of the peace shall be deemed a **687** law-enforcement officer for the purposes of obtaining arrest and search warrants, investigating criminal 688 activity and making arrests or issuing summonses under this title and Titles 18.2 and 46.2, and under 689 local ordinances, for all felonies, misdemeanors, and infractions, and may also provide that the special 690 conservator of the peace shall be deemed a law-enforcement officer for the purposes of executing emergency custody orders pursuant to § 16.1-340 or 37.2-808. A special conservator of the peace who **691** conforms to the definition of a law-enforcement officer in § 9.1-101 shall be treated in all respects 692 693 under the Code of Virginia as a law-enforcement officer unless otherwise required by law. However, 694 nothing in this section shall prevent any special conservator of the peace from acting in a capacity as a 695 law-enforcement officer or police officer or arresting officer where the law allows or requires it.

b. The order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace appointed as a conservator of the 696 697 peace who does not meet certified law-enforcement standards but has completed the minimum training 698 standards established by the Department for emergency orders may provide that the special conservator 699 of the peace is to be deemed a law-enforcement officer for the limited purposes of executing emergency 700 custody orders pursuant to § 16.1-340 or 37.2-808 and for the purpose of petitioning the court for an 701 emergency protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.4. Nothing in this section shall prevent any special 702 conservator of the peace from acting in a capacity as a law-enforcement officer or police officer or 703 arresting officer where permitted or required by law.

704 c. A special conservator of the peace appointed as a conservator of the peace may have access to, 705 carry, and use during the performance of his duties only those types of firearms requested in the 706 application for the order of appointment, and on which the special conservator of the peace is currently 707 trained and qualified, and for which he possesses a valid firearms endorsement from the Department. A 708 special conservator of the peace appointed as a conservator of the peace may carry a concealed 709 handgun without a concealed handgun permit or other concealed weapons in accordance with § 710 18.2-308, and for which he is authorized in this subsection, unless the special conservator of the peace would be disqualified from carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to § 18.2-308.09, and except as 711 712 otherwise provided in this section.

d. The order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace appointed as a conservator of the peace shall also provide that the special conservator of the peace shall use the title "police" on a badge of authority, insignia, and uniform worn in the performance of his official duties where the special conservator of the peace shall also display "Special Conservator of the Peace" as part of or in addition to such use and where accurate illustrations of the badge and insignia have been submitted to and approved by the circuit court with the application for order of appointment.

719 e. The special conservator of the peace appointed as a conservator of the peace who has completed 720 the minimum training standards established by the Department for emergency vehicle operations may use an emergency vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-920, with flashing lights and sirens, only where such 721 722 use is in the performance of his duties as a special conservator of the peace for lawful purposes initiated within the geographical limitations of the order of appointment, only in accordance with the 723 724 motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth, and only with a valid emergency vehicle operations 725 endorsement from the Department. All special conservators of the peace operating a vehicle in any 726 manner pursuant to § 46.2-920 shall operate equipment that has functional flashing emergency lights 727 and sirens of a type generally approved by the Superintendent of State Police and as authorized by the 728 motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth, and operate equipment that is covered by standard motor 729 vehicle liability coverage as required in subsection B of § 46.2-920. Any special conservator of the peace appointed as a conservator of the peace who, in the performance of his duties, operates such a 730 vehicle in any manner pursuant to § 46.2-920 and who is not employed by a government 731 732 law-enforcement entity or a private police department authorized by a locality of the Commonwealth 733 pursuant to § 15.2-1701.1, shall be required to use a marked vehicle that has clear, legible markings 734 viewable by nearby motorists, on at least two sides, identifying the entity employing or otherwise 735 utilizing the special conservator of the peace and the organization's Department of Criminal Justice

736 Services business number if applicable.

737 2. The order of appointment may alternatively provide that a special conservator of the peace
738 appointed for the purpose of code enforcement who has completed the minimum training standards
739 established by the Department as such shall have the authority to effect misdemeanor arrests and to
740 issue summonses in accordance with Chapter 7 (§ 19.2-71 et seq.) of Title 19.2 for misdemeanors and
741 violations of local ordinances authorized by law.

a. A special conservator of the peace appointed for the purpose of code enforcement shall not be
authorized to have access to, carry, or use any firearms in the performance of his duties but may have
access to, carry, and use only those intermediate weapons requested in the application for the order of
appointment, and on which the special conservator of the peace is currently trained and qualified, and
for which he possesses a valid weapons endorsement from the Department. Such special conservator of
the peace shall not be considered a conservator of the peace for purposes of the concealed carry
exceptions under § 18.2-308.

b. The order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace appointed for the purpose of code
enforcement may also provide that the special conservator of the peace may use the title "police" on a
badge of authority, insignia, and uniform worn in the performance of his duties as such where the
special conservator of the peace also displays "Special Conservator of the Peace" and "Code
Enforcement" as part of or in addition to such use and where accurate illustrations of the badge and
insignia have been submitted to and approved by the circuit court with the application for order of
appointment.

756 c. The order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace appointed for the purpose of code 757 enforcement shall provide, as a minimum limitation, that the special conservator of the peace authorized 758 to use an emergency vehicle with flashing lights and sirens in the performance of his duties shall be prohibited from making vehicle traffic stops using any vehicle or engaging in pursuit using any vehicle 759 and shall otherwise be prohibited from vehicle operation under § 46.2-920 with the exception of 760 subdivision A 3 of § 46.2-920 on stopping and parking. All special conservators of the peace operating 761 762 a vehicle in any manner pursuant to § 46.2-920 must operate equipment that has functional flashing emergency lights and sirens of a type generally approved by the Superintendent of State Police and as 763 authorized by the motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth, and that is covered by standard motor 764 vehicle liability coverage as required in subsection B of § 46.2-920. 765

K. The circuit court granting the order of appointment may limit or prohibit the use of emergency *vehicles and the use of flashing lights and sirens on any vehicles used by the special conservator of the peace in the performance of his duties.*

L. The circuit court granting the order of appointment may limit or prohibit access to and the carrying of any weapons by a special conservator of the peace initially appointed on or after July 1, 1996, while the appointee is in performance of his duties or otherwise exercising a power or authority for access, carry, or use of weapons as a special conservator of the peace.

773 M. The order of appointment may provide that the special conservator of the peace is authorized to 774 use the lesser seal of the Commonwealth only in a badge of authority or insignia, where accurate 775 illustrations of the use of the lesser seal of the Commonwealth have been submitted to and approved by 776 the circuit court with the application for order of appointment. The use of the lesser seal is also 777 authorized for use in credentials of office for a special conservator of the peace issued by a circuit 778 court or by the Department. Such uses of the lesser seal are authorized for the purposes of § 1-505 and 779 shall be in accordance with display protocols and practices published by the Secretary of the 780 Commonwealth except where those protocols and practices conflict with this section.

N. The order of appointment shall direct that the special conservator of the peace is required to report, with reasonable specificity and as soon as is practicable, to the locality's chief law-enforcement agency or to the Department of State Police whenever, during the performance of his duties, the special conservator of the peace has reason to believe that a death, felony criminal sexual assault, or other violent felony has occurred within the geographical limitations in which he is authorized to operate. Failure by the special conservator of the peace to make such a report shall not be a bar to prosecution of alleged offenders.

788 O. Upon granting an appointment, the circuit court shall require that the special conservator of the 789 peace give oath or affirmation, before authorized court personnel, as follows: "I [name] do solemnly 790 swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the 791 Commonwealth of Virginia, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent 792 upon me as a Virginia Special Conservator of the Peace according to the best of my ability, (so help me 793 God)."

P. No badge, insignia, or other credential of office to be used or displayed by any special conservator of the peace on a uniform, on equipment, on vehicles, upon any published material, or otherwise may appear substantially identical or be in facsimile to a unique badge, insignia, or other

797 unique credential used by any federal law-enforcement entity or by any law-enforcement entity of the
798 Commonwealth, or its political subdivisions, authorities, commissions, or departments, unless the special
799 conservator of the peace is actively employed by such an entity and approved to use or make such a
800 display of such badge, insignia, or credential.

801 Q. The power and authority granted by an order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace is limited to initiating lawful actions in accordance with such granted powers and authority only within such geographical limitations as the circuit court has specified in the order of appointment with continuing authority outside those geographical limitations to effect the authority granted to the special conservator of the peace within those geographical limitations and where otherwise required by law.
806 Every special conservator of the peace in the performance of his official duties shall conform to the requirements of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Virginia.

R. Access by any special conservator of the peace to criminal history record information and to the criminal justice information system shall be limited to authorized special conservators of the peace employed or otherwise utilized by criminal justice agencies or private police departments, and otherwise limited as provided by law. The Board shall adopt regulations in consultation with the Department of State Police and the Private Security Services Advisory Board for such access and, upon application, certify persons so authorized in accordance with this section and the laws of Commonwealth.

S. No provision in this section or in an order of appointment for a special conservator of the peace 814 815 shall exempt or be construed to exempt any applicant or appointee from any requirements of any law 816 related to (i) valid possession of a license to operate a motor vehicle when operating such a vehicle; (ii) 817 valid possession of a business license required by law; (iii) eligibility, training, certifications, and other requirements related to maritime operations and conditions; (iv) eligibility, training, certifications, and 818 other requirements for code enforcement as authorized by law; (v) the conduct of a private security 819 business as set forth in Article 4 (§ 9.1-138 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1; or (vi) other requirements 820 821 of law not specifically exempted in this section.

822 T. Appointment as a special conservator of the peace does not, by itself, make such an appointee an
823 employee of the Commonwealth or any locality within the meaning of the Virginia Workers'
824 Compensation Act (§ 65.2-100 et seq.) or make an appointee eligible for benefits under the Virginia
825 Retirement System or the Line of Duty Act (§ 9.1-400 et seq.).

U. Effective July 1, 2004 2015, the clerk of the appointing circuit court shall transmit to the 826 827 Department of State Police and any other circuit court that has jurisdiction for any real property in 828 which the special conservator of the peace has been granted jurisdiction a copy of the order of appointment, allowing for a privacy addendum, that shall specify the following information: the person's 829 830 complete name, address, date of birth, social security number, gender, race, height, weight, color of hair, 831 color of eyes, firearm authority or limitation any weapons limitations as set forth in subsection \mathbf{F} L, and 832 the date of the order, and other information as may be required by the Department of State Police and 833 also transmit to any other party that appeared before the circuit court on the matter a copy of the order 834 of appointment excluding any privacy addendum. The Department of State Police shall enter the person's 835 name and other information into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and maintained 836 by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52. The Department of State Police may charge a fee not to exceed \$10 to cover its costs associated with processing these orders. Each 837 838 special conservator of the peace so appointed on application shall, within 14 days, present a copy of the 839 order of appointment, allowing for the exclusion of any privacy addendum, and his credentials to the 840 chief of police or sheriff law-enforcement officer or his designee of in all jurisdictions where he the 841 special conservator of the peace has conservator been given powers. If his powers are limited to certain 842 areas owned or leased by a corporation or business, he shall also provide notice of the exact physical 843 addresses of those areas. Each special conservator shall provide a temporary registration letter issued by 844 the Department of Criminal Justice Services prior to seeking an appointment by the circuit court. Once 845 the applicant receives the appointment from the circuit court the applicant shall file the appointment 846 order with the Department of Criminal Justice Services in order to under this section and to the 847 Department of Criminal Justice Services, after which time the special conservator of the peace shall 848 receive his special conservator of the peace photo registration card.

849 If any such special conservator of the peace is the employee, agent or servant of another, his 850 appointment as special conservator of the peace shall not relieve his employer, principal or master, from 851 civil liability to another arising out of any wrongful action or conduct committed by such special 852 conservator of the peace while within the scope of his employment. Such photo registration card shall 853 be verified by the Department against the legal presence documentation provided, shall be identifiable 854 as having been issued by the Department of Criminal Justice Services of the Commonwealth of Virginia, 855 and shall indicate the type of special conservator of the peace in accordance with subsection K, and subdivision J 1 a, if applicable, the name of the appointee, the issue date, the expiration date, any 856 857 special conservator of the peace training or firearms endorsements requested for the appointee and 858 recognized by the Department for the appointee, and other information that is not personally identifying

859 information for the appointee, as established through regulations adopted for that purpose by the Board. 860 The photo identification card shall also clearly identify on its face if the special conservator of the 861 peace is authorized to be armed.

V. Appointment as a special conservator of the peace is conditioned upon continued employment or 862 863 other utilization of the special conservator of the peace by the eligible applicant that applied to the 864 circuit court for the appointment. The authority and powers granted to the special conservator of the 865 peace under the order of appointment shall be void without further action by the court (i) upon the 866 termination of employment or other utilization with such entity or (ii) if the applicant no longer controls 867 the property for which the appointment was granted, and the entity shall notify, in writing and within 14 868 days, the circuit court that granted the order of appointment, the Department of Criminal Justice 869 Services, and the Department of State Police of either situation. Failure to provide such notification shall be punishable by a fine of \$250 plus an additional \$50 per day for each day such notice is not 870 provided, with a maximum fine of \$2,500. 871

872 W. The authority and powers granted to the special conservator of the peace shall be immediately 873 void without further action by the circuit court if the special conservator no longer meets the eligibility 874 requirements within this section, or if the registration issued by the Department expires past any grace 875 period or is revoked or temporarily suspended for just cause in accordance with regulations adopted for 876 that purpose. The Department may refuse to issue an eligibility authorization or temporarily suspend the 877 registration of any special conservator of the peace who is currently subject to an active protective 878 order, who is being considered for decertification as a law-enforcement officer, who has been charged 879 with a crime that would prohibit the person from holding an appointment as a special conservator of 880 the peace pending a resolution of charges, or for other just cause consistent with this section. The clerk 881 of a circuit court revoking such an order of appointment or the Department in revoking or suspending a 882 registration for a special conservator of the peace shall inform the other, the applicant, and the appointee, and both shall inform the Department of State Police of such action for notation within the 883 884 Virginia Criminal Information Network.

885 X. Effective July 1, 2002, no person employed by a local school board as a school security officer, 886 as defined in § 9.1-101, shall be eligible for appointment as a conservator for purposes of maintaining 887 safety in a public school in the Commonwealth. All appointments of special conservators of the peace 888 granted to school security officers as defined in § 9.1-101 prior to July 1, 2002, are void.

889 F. The court may limit or prohibit the carrying of weapons by any special conservator of the peace 890 initially appointed on or after July 1, 1996, while the appointee is within the scope of his employment 891 as such.

892 Y. Nothing is this section shall prevent the temporary utilization of special conservators of the peace 893 by a local school board, local law-enforcement entity, or other governmental entity for the security of 894 property or the peace on the grounds and buildings of a public school in the Commonwealth during a 895 time of disaster, civil disturbance, or other similar exigent circumstance.

896 § 19.2-77. Escape, flight and pursuit; arrest anywhere in Commonwealth.

897 Whenever a person in the custody of an officer shall escape or whenever a person shall flee from an 898 officer attempting to arrest him or detain him based on reasonable suspicion that such person has 899 committed a crime or is about to commit a crime, such officer, with or without a warrant, may pursue 900 such person anywhere in the Commonwealth and, when actually in close pursuit, may arrest him 901 wherever he is found. If the arrest is made in a county or city adjoining that from which the accused 902 fled, or in any area of the Commonwealth within one mile of the boundary of the county or city from 903 which he fled, the officer may forthwith return the accused before the proper official of the county or 904 city from which he fled. If the arrest is made beyond the foregoing limits, the officer shall proceed 905 according to the provisions of § 19.2-76, and if such arrest is made without a warrant, the officer shall 906 procure a warrant from the magistrate serving the county or city wherein the arrest was made, charging 907 the accused with the offense committed in the county or city from which he fled.

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§ 19.2-82.1. Giving false identity to police officer; penalty. 909 Any person who falsely identifies himself to a law-enforcement officer or a special conservator of 910 the peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13 when in the official performance of his official duties, with 911 the intent to deceive the law-enforcement officer as to his real identity after having been lawfully 912 detained and after being requested to identify himself by a law-enforcement such an officer, is guilty of 913 a Class 1 misdemeanor.

914 § 23-232.1. Authorization for campus police departments in private institutions of higher 915 education.

916 The governing board of each private institution of higher education is authorized to establish, in 917 compliance with the provisions of this chapter, a campus police department and to employ campus 918 police officers upon appointment as provided in § 23-233. Except as such provisions apply exclusively 919 to public institutions or employees, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to the appointment and

920 employment of officers, operation, powers, duties and jurisdiction of private campus police departments,

and such departments shall be subject to and enjoy the benefits of this chapter. However, to be qualified
to use the word "police" to describe the department or its officers, any private college or university
which establishes a campus police department shall require that the department and each officer
employed or otherwise utilized to perform general private policing or law-enforcement duties for the
department comply with the training or other requirements for police departments and law-enforcement
officers established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to Chapter 1 (§ 9.1-100 et
seq.) of Title 9.1.

928 § 23-234. Powers and duties; jurisdiction; limitations.

929 A. A campus police officer appointed as provided in § 23-233 or appointed and activated pursuant to 930 § 23-233.1 may exercise the powers and duties conferred by law upon police officers of cities, towns, or counties, and shall be so deemed, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapters 5 (§ 19.2-52 et 931 932 seq.), 7 (§ 19.2-71 et seq.), and 23 (§ 19.2-387 et seq.) of Title 19.2, (i) upon any property owned or 933 controlled by the relevant public or private institution of higher education, or, upon request, any property 934 owned or controlled by another public or private institution of higher education and upon the streets, 935 sidewalks, and highways, immediately adjacent thereto, (ii) pursuant to a mutual aid agreement provided 936 for in § 15.2-1727 between the governing board of a public or private institution and such other 937 institution of higher education, public or private, in the Commonwealth or adjacent political 938 subdivisions, (iii) in close pursuit of a person as provided in § 19.2-77, and (iv) upon approval by the 939 appropriate circuit court of a petition by the local governing body for concurrent jurisdiction in 940 designated areas with the police officers of the county, city, or town in which the institution, its satellite 941 campuses, or other properties are located. The local governing body may petition the circuit court 942 pursuant only to a request by the local law enforcement agency for concurrent jurisdiction.

B. All public or private institutions of higher education that have campus police forces established in 943 944 accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall enter in and become a party to mutual aid 945 agreements with one or more of the following: (i) an adjacent local law-enforcement agency or (ii) the 946 Department of State Police, for the use of their joint forces, both regular and auxiliary, equipment, and 947 materials when needed in the investigation of any felony criminal sexual assault or medically unattended 948 death occurring on property owned or controlled by the institution of higher education or any death 949 resulting from an incident occurring on such property. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a 950 campus police force from requesting assistance from any appropriate law-enforcement agency of the 951 Commonwealth, even though a mutual aid agreement has not been executed with that agency.

952 C. Private campus police departments and those officers employed or otherwise utilized by such
953 departments who perform public policing and law-enforcement activities for such departments shall be
954 required to maintain individual surety bonds or liability insurance or self-insurance in a reasonable
955 minimum amount and with coverage as required by the Commonwealth no less than that required for
956 private police departments and no greater than that required for the authorized police forces of
957 localities.

D. No private campus police department shall conduct asset forfeiture seizures, except for the taking
of private property that is necessary to secure evidence of alleged criminal activity for lawful
investigation and future prosecution, and no private campus police department shall receive monies held
or disbursed by the Commonwealth, or any of its political subdivisions, authorities, commissions, or
departments under any asset forfeiture or seizure program or through any other diversion and
disbursement of such funds held by the Commonwealth.

964 E. Private campus police departments, including those officers employed or otherwise utilized by
965 such campus police departments to provide public policing and law-enforcement activities, shall not be
966 authorized to conduct private policing services, private security services business, or off-duty policing
967 services for third parties, either private or public. This section does not prohibit mutual aid pursuant to
968 a mutual aid agreement or memorandum of understanding between a locality and a campus police
969 department and this section does not prohibit the separate operation of licensed private security services
970 business activities under the laws of the Commonwealth.

971 § 63.2-1509. Requirement that certain injuries to children be reported by physicians, nurses,
972 teachers, etc.; penalty for failure to report.

973 A. The following persons who, in their professional or official capacity, have reason to suspect that a
974 child is an abused or neglected child, shall report the matter immediately to the local department of the
975 county or city wherein the child resides or wherein the abuse or neglect is believed to have occurred or
976 to the Department's toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline:

- 977 1. Any person licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts;
- 978 2. Any hospital resident or intern, and any person employed in the nursing profession;
- 979 3. Any person employed as a social worker or family-services specialist;

980 4. Any probation officer;

981 5. Any teacher or other person employed in a public or private school, kindergarten or nursery

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982 school;

983 6. Any person providing full-time or part-time child care for pay on a regularly planned basis;

984 7. Any mental health professional;

985 8. Any law-enforcement officer, campus police officer appointed pursuant to § 23-233 or 23-233.1,
986 special conservator of the peace appointed pursuant to § 19.2-13, or animal control officer;

987 9. Any mediator eligible to receive court referrals pursuant to § 8.01-576.8;

988 10. Any professional staff person, not previously enumerated, employed by a private or state-operated
 989 hospital, institution or facility to which children have been committed or where children have been
 990 placed for care and treatment;

991 11. Any person 18 years of age or older associated with or employed by any public or private organization responsible for the care, custody or control of children;

993 12. Any person who is designated a court-appointed special advocate pursuant to Article 5 (§ 9.1-151 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1;

995 13. Any person 18 years of age or older who has received training approved by the Department of996 Social Services for the purposes of recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect;

997 14. Any person employed by a local department as defined in § 63.2-100 who determines eligibility **998** for public assistance;

999 15. Any emergency medical services provider certified by the Board of Health pursuant to
1000 § 32.1-111.5, unless such provider immediately reports the matter directly to the attending physician at
1001 the hospital to which the child is transported, who shall make such report forthwith;

1002 16. Any athletic coach, director or other person 18 years of age or older employed by or volunteering with a private sports organization or team;

1004 17. Administrators or employees 18 years of age or older of public or private day camps, youth centers and youth recreation programs; and

1006 18. Any person employed by a public or private institution of higher education other than an attorney1007 who is employed by a public or private institution of higher education as it relates to information gained1008 in the course of providing legal representation to a client.

1009 This subsection shall not apply to any regular minister, priest, rabbi, imam, or duly accredited 1010 practitioner of any religious organization or denomination usually referred to as a church as it relates to 1011 (i) information required by the doctrine of the religious organization or denomination to be kept in a 1012 confidential manner or (ii) information that would be subject to § 8.01-400 or 19.2-271.3 if offered as 1013 evidence in court.

1014 If neither the locality in which the child resides nor where the abuse or neglect is believed to have 1015 occurred is known, then such report shall be made to the local department of the county or city where 1016 the abuse or neglect was discovered or to the Department's toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline.

1017 If an employee of the local department is suspected of abusing or neglecting a child, the report shall 1018 be made to the court of the county or city where the abuse or neglect was discovered. Upon receipt of 1019 such a report by the court, the judge shall assign the report to a local department that is not the 1020 employer of the suspected employee for investigation or family assessment. The judge may consult with 1021 the Department in selecting a local department to respond to the report or the complaint.

1022 If the information is received by a teacher, staff member, resident, intern or nurse in the course of 1023 professional services in a hospital, school or similar institution, such person may, in place of said report, 1024 immediately notify the person in charge of the institution or department, or his designee, who shall 1025 make such report forthwith. If the initial report of suspected abuse or neglect is made to the person in 1026 charge of the institution or department, or his designee, pursuant to this subsection, such person shall 1027 notify the teacher, staff member, resident, intern or nurse who made the initial report when the report of 1028 suspected child abuse or neglect is made to the local department or to the Department's toll-free child 1029 abuse and neglect hotline, and of the name of the individual receiving the report, and shall forward any 1030 communication resulting from the report, including any information about any actions taken regarding 1031 the report, to the person who made the initial report.

1032 The initial report may be an oral report but such report shall be reduced to writing by the child 1033 abuse coordinator of the local department on a form prescribed by the Board. Any person required to 1034 make the report pursuant to this subsection shall disclose all information that is the basis for his 1035 suspicion of abuse or neglect of the child and, upon request, shall make available to the child-protective 1036 services coordinator and the local department, which is the agency of jurisdiction, any information, 1037 records, or reports that document the basis for the report. All persons required by this subsection to 1038 report suspected abuse or neglect who maintain a record of a child who is the subject of such a report 1039 shall cooperate with the investigating agency and shall make related information, records and reports 1040 available to the investigating agency unless such disclosure violates the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g). Provision of such information, records, and reports by a 1041 1042 health care provider shall not be prohibited by § 8.01-399. Criminal investigative reports received from

1043 law-enforcement agencies shall not be further disseminated by the investigating agency nor shall they be 1044 subject to public disclosure.

1045 B. For purposes of subsection A, "reason to suspect that a child is abused or neglected" shall include 1046 (i) a finding made by a health care provider within six weeks of the birth of a child that the results of 1047 toxicology studies of the child indicate the presence of a controlled substance not prescribed for the 1048 mother by a physician; (ii) a finding made by a health care provider within six weeks of the birth of a 1049 child that the child was born dependent on a controlled substance which was not prescribed by a 1050 physician for the mother and has demonstrated withdrawal symptoms; (iii) a diagnosis made by a health 1051 care provider at any time following a child's birth that the child has an illness, disease or condition which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, is attributable to in utero exposure to a controlled 1052 1053 substance which was not prescribed by a physician for the mother or the child; or (iv) a diagnosis made by a health care provider at any time following a child's birth that the child has a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder attributable to in utero exposure to alcohol. When "reason to suspect" is based upon this 1054 1055 1056 subsection, such fact shall be included in the report along with the facts relied upon by the person 1057 making the report.

1058 C. Any person who makes a report or provides records or information pursuant to subsection A or
1059 who testifies in any judicial proceeding arising from such report, records, or information shall be
1060 immune from any civil or criminal liability or administrative penalty or sanction on account of such
1061 report, records, information, or testimony, unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious
1062 purpose.

D. Any person required to file a report pursuant to this section who fails to do so as soon as possible, but not longer than 24 hours after having reason to suspect a reportable offense of child abuse or neglect, shall be fined not more than \$500 for the first failure and for any subsequent failures not less than \$1,000. In cases evidencing acts of rape, sodomy, or object sexual penetration as defined in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, a person who knowingly and intentionally fails to make the report required pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

E. No person shall be required to make a report pursuant to this section if the person has actual
knowledge that the same matter has already been reported to the local department or the Department's
toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline.

1072 2. That the training requirements for special conservators of the peace established by the Criminal 1073 Justice Services Board subsequent to the passage of this act shall substantially conform to specific 1074 recommendations of any duly authorized study commission authorized by the General Assembly 1075 on the subject of training for special conservators of the peace.

3. That the Supreme Court of Virginia shall establish reasonable judicial training regarding the use of application forms and the granting of authority and powers within appointment orders for special conservators of the peace.