

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-226 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Social*
3 *Services; statewide referral system; information on financial literacy courses.*

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5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 63.2-226 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 63.2-226. Duties of Department.**9 A. The Department shall assume administrative responsibilities for the statewide system. In this
10 capacity, the Department shall establish an office to:11 1. Develop a plan for the design and implementation of a statewide human services information and
12 referral program;13 2. Coordinate and supervise the implementation and operation of the information and referral
14 program;

15 3. Coordinate funding for the system;

16 4. Select regional providers of information and referral services;

17 5. Supervise coordination of information management among information and referral regions across
18 the Commonwealth;19 6. Encourage effective relationships between the system and state and local agencies and public and
20 private organizations;

21 7. Develop and implement a statewide publicity effort;

22 8. Provide training, technical assistance, research, and consultation for regional and local information
23 and referral centers, and to localities interested in developing information and referral services;

24 9. Determine a core level of services to be funded from state government resources;

25 10. Coordinate standardization of resource data collection, maintenance and dissemination;

26 11. Stimulate and encourage the availability of statewide information and referral services;

27 12. Develop and implement a program for monitoring and assessing the performance and success of
28 the information and referral program; and29 13. Collect information on child-specific payments made through the Title IV-E foster care program
30 and submit information, when available, to the Office of Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and
31 Families.32 *B. The Department, in consultation with the Virginia Employment Commission and Virginia*
33 *Community College System, shall develop and implement a plan for the provision to citizens receiving*
34 *any form of public assistance of information regarding courses on financial literacy, offered online or*
35 *through any other appropriate medium, that are available to such citizens at no cost to them.*

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