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SENATE BILL NO. 1300**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety
on February 10, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Vogel)

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-102, 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, 16.1-279.1, 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, and 19.2-152.10 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 9.1-116.1:1, relating to victims of domestic violence, etc.; firearms safety or training course.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 9.1-102, 16.1-253.1, 16.1-253.4, 16.1-279.1, 19.2-152.8, 19.2-152.9, and 19.2-152.10 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 9.1-116.1:1 as follows:

§ 9.1-102. Powers and duties of the Board and the Department.

The Department, under the direction of the Board, which shall be the policy-making body for carrying out the duties and powers hereunder, shall have the power and duty to:

1. Adopt regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the administration of this chapter including the authority to require the submission of reports and information by law-enforcement officers within the Commonwealth. Any proposed regulations concerning the privacy, confidentiality, and security of criminal justice information shall be submitted for review and comment to any board, commission, or committee or other body which may be established by the General Assembly to regulate the privacy, confidentiality, and security of information collected and maintained by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

2. Establish compulsory minimum training standards subsequent to employment as a law-enforcement officer in (i) permanent positions, and (ii) temporary or probationary status, and establish the time required for completion of such training;

3. Establish minimum training standards and qualifications for certification and recertification for law-enforcement officers serving as field training officers;

4. Establish compulsory minimum curriculum requirements for in-service and advanced courses and programs for schools, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, which are operated for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers;

5. Establish (i) compulsory minimum training standards for law-enforcement officers who utilize radar or an electrical or microcomputer device to measure the speed of motor vehicles as provided in § 46.2-882 and establish the time required for completion of the training and (ii) compulsory minimum qualifications for certification and recertification of instructors who provide such training;

6. [Repealed];

7. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for those persons designated to provide courthouse and courtroom security pursuant to the provisions of § 53.1-120, and to establish the time required for completion of such training;

8. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for deputy sheriffs designated to serve process pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-293, and establish the time required for the completion of such training;

9. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service, and advanced training standards, as well as the time required for completion of such training, for persons employed as deputy sheriffs and jail officers by local criminal justice agencies, correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections under the provisions of Title 53.1, and juvenile correctional officers employed at a juvenile correctional facility as the term is defined in § 66-25.3;

10. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all dispatchers employed by or in any local or state government agency, whose duties include the dispatching of law-enforcement personnel. Such training standards shall apply only to dispatchers hired on or after July 1, 1988;

11. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all auxiliary police officers employed by or in any local or state government agency. Such training shall be graduated and based on the type of duties to be performed by the auxiliary police officers. Such training standards shall not apply to auxiliary police officers exempt pursuant to § 15.2-1731;

12. Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of the Commonwealth, other state and federal governmental agencies, and with universities, colleges, community colleges, and other institutions, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, concerning the development of police training schools and programs or courses of instruction;

13. Approve institutions, curricula and facilities, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth,

60 for school operation for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers; but this shall not
61 prevent the holding of any such school whether approved or not;

62 14. Establish and maintain police training programs through such agencies and institutions as the
63 Board deems appropriate;

64 15. Establish compulsory minimum qualifications of certification and recertification for instructors in
65 criminal justice training schools approved by the Department;

66 16. Conduct and stimulate research by public and private agencies which shall be designed to
67 improve police administration and law enforcement;

68 17. Make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview pursuant to this chapter;

69 18. Coordinate its activities with those of any interstate system for the exchange of criminal history
70 record information, nominate one or more of its members to serve upon the council or committee of any
71 such system, and participate when and as deemed appropriate in any such system's activities and
72 programs;

73 19. Conduct inquiries and investigations it deems appropriate to carry out its functions under this
74 chapter and, in conducting such inquiries and investigations, may require any criminal justice agency to
75 submit information, reports, and statistical data with respect to its policy and operation of information
76 systems or with respect to its collection, storage, dissemination, and usage of criminal history record
77 information and correctional status information, and such criminal justice agencies shall submit such
78 information, reports, and data as are reasonably required;

79 20. Conduct audits as required by § 9.1-131;

80 21. Conduct a continuing study and review of questions of individual privacy and confidentiality of
81 criminal history record information and correctional status information;

82 22. Advise criminal justice agencies and initiate educational programs for such agencies with respect
83 to matters of privacy, confidentiality, and security as they pertain to criminal history record information
84 and correctional status information;

85 23. Maintain a liaison with any board, commission, committee, or other body which may be
86 established by law, executive order, or resolution to regulate the privacy and security of information
87 collected by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

88 24. Adopt regulations establishing guidelines and standards for the collection, storage, and
89 dissemination of criminal history record information and correctional status information, and the privacy,
90 confidentiality, and security thereof necessary to implement state and federal statutes, regulations, and
91 court orders;

92 25. Operate a statewide criminal justice research center, which shall maintain an integrated criminal
93 justice information system, produce reports, provide technical assistance to state and local criminal
94 justice data system users, and provide analysis and interpretation of criminal justice statistical
95 information;

96 26. Develop a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan for strengthening and improving law
97 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice throughout the Commonwealth, and periodically
98 update that plan;

99 27. Cooperate with, and advise and assist, all agencies, departments, boards and institutions of the
100 Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, including planning
101 district commissions, in planning, developing, and administering programs, projects, comprehensive
102 plans, and other activities for improving law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice
103 throughout the Commonwealth, including allocating and subgranting funds for these purposes;

104 28. Define, develop, organize, encourage, conduct, coordinate, and administer programs, projects and
105 activities for the Commonwealth and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, in the
106 Commonwealth, designed to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal
107 justice at every level throughout the Commonwealth;

108 29. Review and evaluate programs, projects, and activities, and recommend, where necessary,
109 revisions or alterations to such programs, projects, and activities for the purpose of improving law
110 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice;

111 30. Coordinate the activities and projects of the state departments, agencies, and boards of the
112 Commonwealth and of the units of general local government, or combination thereof, including planning
113 district commissions, relating to the preparation, adoption, administration, and implementation of
114 comprehensive plans to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal
115 justice;

116 31. Do all things necessary on behalf of the Commonwealth and its units of general local
117 government, to determine and secure benefits available under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
118 Streets Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended, and under any other federal acts and
119 programs for strengthening and improving law enforcement, the administration of criminal justice, and
120 delinquency prevention and control;

121 32. Receive, administer, and expend all funds and other assistance available to the Board and the

122 Department for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
123 Streets Act of 1968, as amended;

124 33. Apply for and accept grants from the United States government or any other source in carrying
125 out the purposes of this chapter and accept any and all donations both real and personal, and grants of
126 money from any governmental unit or public agency, or from any institution, person, firm or
127 corporation, and may receive, utilize and dispose of the same. Any arrangements pursuant to this section
128 shall be detailed in the annual report of the Board. Such report shall include the identity of the donor,
129 the nature of the transaction, and the conditions, if any. Any moneys received pursuant to this section
130 shall be deposited in the state treasury to the account of the Department. To these ends, the Board shall
131 have the power to comply with conditions and execute such agreements as may be necessary;

132 34. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of
133 its duties and execution of its powers under this chapter, including but not limited to, contracts with the
134 United States, units of general local government or combinations thereof, in Virginia or other states, and
135 with agencies and departments of the Commonwealth;

136 35. Adopt and administer reasonable regulations for the planning and implementation of programs
137 and activities and for the allocation, expenditure and subgranting of funds available to the
138 Commonwealth and to units of general local government, and for carrying out the purposes of this
139 chapter and the powers and duties set forth herein;

140 36. Certify and decertify law-enforcement officers in accordance with §§ 15.2-1706 and 15.2-1707;

141 37. Establish training standards and publish and periodically update model policies for
142 law-enforcement personnel in the following subjects:

143 a. The handling of family abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases, including
144 standards for determining the predominant physical aggressor in accordance with § 19.2-81.3. The
145 Department shall provide technical support and assistance to law-enforcement agencies in carrying out
146 the requirements set forth in subsection A of § 9.1-1301;

147 b. Communication with and facilitation of the safe return of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's
148 disease;

149 c. Sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for biased policing;

150 d. Protocols for local and regional sexual assault response teams;

151 e. Communication of death notifications;

152 f. (Effective until July 1, 2018) The questioning of individuals suspected of driving while intoxicated
153 concerning the physical location of such individual's last consumption of an alcoholic beverage and the
154 communication of such information to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;

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156 concerning the physical location of such individual's last consumption of an alcoholic beverage and the
157 communication of such information to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority;

158 g. Vehicle patrol duties that embody current best practices for pursuits and for responding to
159 emergency calls;

160 h. Criminal investigations that embody current best practices for conducting photographic and live
161 lineups;

162 i. Sensitivity to and awareness of human trafficking offenses and the identification of victims of
163 human trafficking offenses for personnel involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or
164 street patrol duties; and

165 j. Missing children, missing adults, and search and rescue protocol;

166 38. Establish compulsory training standards for basic training and the recertification of
167 law-enforcement officers to ensure sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for
168 biased policing;

169 39. Review and evaluate community-policing programs in the Commonwealth, and recommend where
170 necessary statewide operating procedures, guidelines, and standards which strengthen and improve such
171 programs, including sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for biased
172 policing;

173 40. Establish a Virginia Law-Enforcement Accreditation Center. The Center may, in cooperation with
174 Virginia law-enforcement agencies, provide technical assistance and administrative support, including
175 staffing, for the establishment of voluntary state law-enforcement accreditation standards. The Center
176 may provide accreditation assistance and training, resource material, and research into methods and
177 procedures that will assist the Virginia law-enforcement community efforts to obtain Virginia
178 accreditation status;

179 41. Promote community policing philosophy and practice throughout the Commonwealth by
180 providing community policing training and technical assistance statewide to all law-enforcement
181 agencies, community groups, public and private organizations and citizens; developing and distributing
182 innovative policing curricula and training tools on general community policing philosophy and practice

183 and contemporary critical issues facing Virginia communities; serving as a consultant to Virginia
184 organizations with specific community policing needs; facilitating continued development and
185 implementation of community policing programs statewide through discussion forums for community
186 policing leaders, development of law-enforcement instructors; promoting a statewide community policing
187 initiative; and serving as a statewide information source on the subject of community policing including,
188 but not limited to periodic newsletters, a website and an accessible lending library;

189 42. Establish, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime
190 Commission, compulsory minimum standards for employment and job-entry and in-service training
191 curricula and certification requirements for school security officers, which training and certification shall
192 be administered by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety pursuant to § 9.1-184. Such
193 training standards shall include, but shall not be limited to, the role and responsibility of school security
194 officers, relevant state and federal laws, school and personal liability issues, security awareness in the
195 school environment, mediation and conflict resolution, disaster and emergency response, and student
196 behavioral dynamics. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of local school
197 board representatives, principals, superintendents, and school security personnel to assist in the
198 development of these standards and certification requirements;

199 43. License and regulate property bail bondsmen and surety bail bondsmen in accordance with
200 Article 11 (§ 9.1-185 et seq.);

201 44. License and regulate bail enforcement agents in accordance with Article 12 (§ 9.1-186 et seq.);

202 45. In conjunction with the Virginia State Police and the State Compensation Board, advise criminal
203 justice agencies regarding the investigation, registration, and dissemination of information requirements
204 as they pertain to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act (§ 9.1-900 et seq.);

205 46. Establish minimum standards for (i) employment, (ii) job-entry and in-service training curricula,
206 and (iii) certification requirements for campus security officers. Such training standards shall include, but
207 not be limited to, the role and responsibility of campus security officers, relevant state and federal laws,
208 school and personal liability issues, security awareness in the campus environment, and disaster and
209 emergency response. The Department shall provide technical support and assistance to campus police
210 departments and campus security departments on the establishment and implementation of policies and
211 procedures, including but not limited to: the management of such departments, investigatory procedures,
212 judicial referrals, the establishment and management of databases for campus safety and security
213 information sharing, and development of uniform record keeping for disciplinary records and statistics,
214 such as campus crime logs, judicial referrals and Clery Act statistics. The Department shall establish an
215 advisory committee consisting of college administrators, college police chiefs, college security
216 department chiefs, and local law-enforcement officials to assist in the development of the standards and
217 certification requirements and training pursuant to this subdivision;

218 47. Assess and report, in accordance with § 9.1-190, the crisis intervention team programs established
219 pursuant to § 9.1-187;

220 48. In conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, advise law-enforcement agencies and
221 attorneys for the Commonwealth regarding the identification, investigation, and prosecution of human
222 trafficking offenses using the common law and existing criminal statutes in the Code of Virginia;

223 49. Register tow truck drivers in accordance with § 46.2-116 and carry out the provisions of
224 § 46.2-117;

225 50. Administer the activities of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional
226 Standards Committee by providing technical assistance and administrative support, including staffing, for
227 the Committee;

228 51. (Effective July 1, 2017) In accordance with § 9.1-102.1, design and approve the issuance of
229 photo-identification cards to private security services registrants registered pursuant to Article 4
230 (§ 9.1-138 et seq.);

231 52. In consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia
232 Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, develop multidisciplinary curricula on
233 trauma-informed sexual assault investigation; ~~and~~

234 53. *Approve firearms safety or training courses or classes offered to victims of domestic violence,
235 sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse that are eligible for reimbursement under § 9.1-116.1:1 and
236 publish and disseminate a list of approved courses or classes; and*

237 54. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its
238 duties.

239 **§ 9.1-116.1:1. Virginia Firearms Safety and Training for Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims**
240 **Fund; firearms safety or training course or class.**

241 *A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the*
242 *Virginia Firearms Safety and Training for Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims Fund, referred to in*
243 *this section as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All funds*
244 *appropriated for such purpose and any gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and other funds received on its*

245 *behalf shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the*
 246 *Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including*
 247 *interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in*
 248 *the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of reimbursing the cost of a*
 249 *firearms safety or training course or class to assist in protecting and providing necessary services to*
 250 *victims of and children affected by domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, and family abuse. For*
 251 *purposes of this section, "firearms safety or training course or class" means a course or class that is*
 252 *offered free of charge by a law-enforcement agency, junior college, community college, private or public*
 253 *institution of higher education or organization, or firearms training school to victims of domestic*
 254 *violence, sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse that (i) has been approved by the Department and (ii)*
 255 *utilizes instructors certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department. Any entity offering such*
 256 *firearms safety or training course or class may apply for reimbursement from the Department, which*
 257 *shall be paid from the Fund, for the cost of offering such course or class to such victims.*

258 *B. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants*
 259 *issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of the Department. The Board*
 260 *shall establish the process for seeking reimbursement from the Fund and may impose limits on the*
 261 *amount of reimbursement that any entity offering such course or class may receive. Reimbursements*
 262 *shall be issued on the basis of a fiscal year of the Commonwealth, and in no case shall the Department*
 263 *issue more than the maximum amount of reimbursements allowed for the fiscal year. The maximum*
 264 *amount of reimbursements that may be issued in a fiscal year shall be the amount remaining in the*
 265 *Fund at the end of the previous fiscal year plus any amount appropriated for the current fiscal year as*
 266 *provided in the general appropriation act. Reimbursements applied for but not issued may be issued in*
 267 *a subsequent fiscal year. All reimbursements shall be issued in the order that each application is*
 268 *submitted to the Department. For applications received by mail or a recognized commercial delivery*
 269 *service, the postmark or confirmation of mailing shall determine the date of submission.*

270 **§ 16.1-253.1. Preliminary protective orders in cases of family abuse; confidentiality.**

271 *A. Upon the filing of a petition alleging that the petitioner is or has been, within a reasonable period*
 272 *of time, subjected to family abuse, the court may issue a preliminary protective order against an*
 273 *allegedly abusing person in order to protect the health and safety of the petitioner or any family or*
 274 *household member of the petitioner. The order may be issued in an ex parte proceeding upon good*
 275 *cause shown when the petition is supported by an affidavit or sworn testimony before the judge or*
 276 *intake officer. Immediate and present danger of family abuse or evidence sufficient to establish probable*
 277 *cause that family abuse has recently occurred shall constitute good cause. Evidence that the petitioner*
 278 *has been subjected to family abuse within a reasonable time and evidence of immediate and present*
 279 *danger of family abuse may be established by a showing that (i) the allegedly abusing person is*
 280 *incarcerated and is to be released from incarceration within 30 days following the petition or has been*
 281 *released from incarceration within 30 days prior to the petition, (ii) the crime for which the allegedly*
 282 *abusing person was convicted and incarcerated involved family abuse against the petitioner, and (iii) the*
 283 *allegedly abusing person has made threatening contact with the petitioner while he was incarcerated,*
 284 *exhibiting a renewed threat to the petitioner of family abuse.*

285 *A preliminary protective order may include any one or more of the following conditions to be*
 286 *imposed on the allegedly abusing person:*

287 *1. Prohibiting acts of family abuse or criminal offenses that result in injury to person or property.*
 288 *2. Prohibiting such contacts by the respondent with the petitioner or family or household members of*
 289 *the petitioner as the court deems necessary for the health or safety of such persons.*

290 *3. Granting the petitioner possession of the premises occupied by the parties to the exclusion of the*
 291 *allegedly abusing person; however, no such grant of possession shall affect title to any real or personal*
 292 *property.*

293 *4. Enjoining the respondent from terminating any necessary utility service to a premises that the*
 294 *petitioner has been granted possession of pursuant to subdivision 3 or, where appropriate, ordering the*
 295 *respondent to restore utility services to such premises.*

296 *5. Granting the petitioner temporary possession or use of a motor vehicle owned by the petitioner*
 297 *alone or jointly owned by the parties to the exclusion of the allegedly abusing person; however, no such*
 298 *grant of possession or use shall affect title to the vehicle.*

299 *6. Requiring that the allegedly abusing person provide suitable alternative housing for the petitioner*
 300 *and any other family or household member and, where appropriate, requiring the respondent to pay*
 301 *deposits to connect or restore necessary utility services in the alternative housing provided.*

302 *7. Granting the petitioner the possession of any companion animal as defined in § 3.2-6500 if such*
 303 *petitioner meets the definition of owner in § 3.2-6500.*

304 *8. Any other relief necessary for the protection of the petitioner and family or household members of*
 305 *the petitioner.*

306 B. The court shall forthwith, but in all cases no later than the end of the business day on which the
307 order was issued, enter and transfer electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information Network the
308 respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each protected person
309 provided to the court. A copy of a preliminary protective order containing any such identifying
310 information shall be forwarded forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service
311 and entry of protective orders. Upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the
312 agency shall forthwith verify and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and
313 other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal
314 Information Network established and maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et
315 seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be served forthwith on the allegedly abusing person in person as
316 provided in § 16.1-264 and due return made to the court. However, if the order is issued by the circuit
317 court, the clerk of the circuit court shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the order containing the
318 respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each protected person
319 provided to the court to the primary law-enforcement agency providing service and entry of protective
320 orders and upon receipt of the order, the primary law-enforcement agency shall enter the name of the
321 person subject to the order and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police
322 into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and maintained by the Department pursuant
323 to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be served forthwith on the allegedly
324 abusing person in person as provided in § 16.1-264. Upon service, the agency making service shall enter
325 the date and time of service and other appropriate information required by the Department of State
326 Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network and make due return to the court. The
327 preliminary order shall specify a date for the full hearing. The hearing shall be held within 15 days of
328 the issuance of the preliminary order. If the respondent fails to appear at this hearing because the
329 respondent was not personally served, or if personally served was incarcerated and not transported to the
330 hearing, the court may extend the protective order for a period not to exceed six months. The extended
331 protective order shall be served forthwith on the respondent. However, upon motion of the respondent
332 and for good cause shown, the court may continue the hearing. The preliminary order shall remain in
333 effect until the hearing. Upon request after the order is issued, the clerk shall provide the petitioner with
334 a copy of the order and information regarding the date and time of service. The order shall further
335 specify that either party may at any time file a motion with the court requesting a hearing to dissolve or
336 modify the order. The hearing on the motion shall be given precedence on the docket of the court.

337 Upon receipt of the return of service or other proof of service pursuant to subsection C of
338 § 16.1-264, the clerk shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the preliminary protective order to the
339 primary law-enforcement agency, and the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any modification as
340 necessary into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described above. If the order is later
341 dissolved or modified, a copy of the dissolution or modification order shall also be attested, forwarded
342 forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders,
343 and upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify
344 and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate information
345 required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described
346 above and the order shall be served forthwith and due return made to the court.

347 C. The preliminary order is effective upon personal service on the allegedly abusing person. Except
348 as otherwise provided in § 16.1-253.2, a violation of the order shall constitute contempt of court.

349 D. At a full hearing on the petition, the court may issue a protective order pursuant to § 16.1-279.1 if
350 the court finds that the petitioner has proven the allegation of family abuse by a preponderance of the
351 evidence.

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

357 F. As used in this section, "copy" includes a facsimile copy.

358 G. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.

359 H. *Upon issuance of a preliminary protective order, the court shall provide the petitioner with a list*
360 *of firearms safety or training courses or classes that are available free of charge to victims of domestic*
361 *violence, sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse under § 9.1-116.1:1.*

362 **§ 16.1-253.4. Emergency protective orders authorized in certain cases; penalty.**

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

366 B. When a law-enforcement officer or an allegedly abused person asserts under oath to a judge or
367 magistrate, and on that assertion or other evidence the judge or magistrate (i) finds that a warrant for a

368 violation of § 18.2-57.2 has been issued or issues a warrant for violation of § 18.2-57.2 and finds that
 369 there is probable danger of further acts of family abuse against a family or household member by the
 370 respondent or (ii) finds that reasonable grounds exist to believe that the respondent has committed
 371 family abuse and there is probable danger of a further such offense against a family or household
 372 member by the respondent, the judge or magistrate shall issue an ex parte emergency protective order,
 373 except if the respondent is a minor, an emergency protective order shall not be required, imposing one
 374 or more of the following conditions on the respondent:

- 375 1. Prohibiting acts of family abuse or criminal offenses that result in injury to person or property;
- 376 2. Prohibiting such contacts by the respondent with the allegedly abused person or family or
 377 household members of the allegedly abused person, including prohibiting the respondent from being in
 378 the physical presence of the allegedly abused person or family or household members of the allegedly
 379 abused person, as the judge or magistrate deems necessary to protect the safety of such persons;
- 380 3. Granting the family or household member possession of the premises occupied by the parties to
 381 the exclusion of the respondent; however, no such grant of possession shall affect title to any real or
 382 personal property; and
- 383 4. Granting the petitioner the possession of any companion animal as defined in § 3.2-6500 if such
 384 petitioner meets the definition of owner in § 3.2-6500.

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

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

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

412 E. The court or magistrate shall forthwith, but in all cases no later than the end of the business day
 413 on which the order was issued, enter and transfer electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information
 414 Network the respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each
 415 protected person provided to the court or magistrate. A copy of an emergency protective order issued
 416 pursuant to this section containing any such identifying information shall be forwarded forthwith to the
 417 primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders. Upon receipt of
 418 the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any
 419 modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate information required by
 420 the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and
 421 maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be
 422 served forthwith upon the respondent and due return made to the court. However, if the order is issued
 423 by the circuit court, the clerk of the circuit court shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the order
 424 containing the respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each
 425 protected person provided to the court to the primary law-enforcement agency providing service and
 426 entry of protective orders and upon receipt of the order, the primary law-enforcement agency shall enter
 427 the name of the person subject to the order and other appropriate information required by the
 428 Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Network established and maintained by the

429 Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be served forthwith
430 on the respondent. Upon service, the agency making service shall enter the date and time of service and
431 other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal
432 Information Network and make due return to the court. One copy of the order shall be given to the
433 allegedly abused person when it is issued, and one copy shall be filed with the written report required
434 by subsection D of § 19.2-81.3. The judge or magistrate who issues an oral order pursuant to an
435 electronic request by a law-enforcement officer shall verify the written order to determine whether the
436 officer who reduced it to writing accurately transcribed the contents of the oral order. The original copy
437 shall be filed with the clerk of the juvenile and domestic relations district court within five business
438 days of the issuance of the order. If the order is later dissolved or modified, a copy of the dissolution or
439 modification order shall also be attested, forwarded forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency
440 responsible for service and entry of protective orders, and upon receipt of the order by the primary
441 law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any modification as necessary to the
442 identifying information and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police
443 into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described above and the order shall be served
444 forthwith and due return made to the court. Upon request, the clerk shall provide the allegedly abused
445 person with information regarding the date and time of service.

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

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

450 H. As used in this section, "law-enforcement officer" means (i) any full-time or part-time employee
451 of a police department or sheriff's office which is part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any
452 political subdivision thereof and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the
453 enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the Commonwealth; (ii) any member of an
454 auxiliary police force established pursuant to § 15.2-1731; and (iii) any special conservator of the peace
455 who meets the certification requirements for a law-enforcement officer as set forth in § 15.2-1706.
456 Part-time employees are compensated officers who are not full-time employees as defined by the
457 employing police department or sheriff's office.

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

463 J. As used in this section:

464 "Copy" includes a facsimile copy.

465 "Physical presence" includes (i) intentionally maintaining direct visual contact with the petitioner or
466 (ii) unreasonably being within 100 feet from the petitioner's residence or place of employment.

467 K. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.

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

470 *M. Upon issuance of an emergency protective order, the court or magistrate shall provide the*
471 *petitioner with a list of firearms safety or training courses or classes that are available free of charge*
472 *to victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse under § 9.1-116.1:1.*

473 **§ 16.1-279.1. Protective order in cases of family abuse.**

474 A. In cases of family abuse, including any case involving an incarcerated or recently incarcerated
475 respondent against whom a preliminary protective order has been issued pursuant to § 16.1-253.1, the
476 court may issue a protective order to protect the health and safety of the petitioner and family or
477 household members of the petitioner. A protective order issued under this section may include any one
478 or more of the following conditions to be imposed on the respondent:

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

480 2. Prohibiting such contacts by the respondent with the petitioner or family or household members of
481 the petitioner as the court deems necessary for the health or safety of such persons;

482 3. Granting the petitioner possession of the residence occupied by the parties to the exclusion of the
483 respondent; however, no such grant of possession shall affect title to any real or personal property;

484 4. Enjoining the respondent from terminating any necessary utility service to the residence to which
485 the petitioner was granted possession pursuant to subdivision 3 or, where appropriate, ordering the
486 respondent to restore utility services to that residence;

487 5. Granting the petitioner temporary possession or use of a motor vehicle owned by the petitioner
488 alone or jointly owned by the parties to the exclusion of the respondent and enjoining the respondent
489 from terminating any insurance, registration, or taxes on the motor vehicle and directing the respondent
490 to maintain the insurance, registration, and taxes, as appropriate; however, no such grant of possession

491 or use shall affect title to the vehicle;

492 6. Requiring that the respondent provide suitable alternative housing for the petitioner and, if
493 appropriate, any other family or household member and where appropriate, requiring the respondent to
494 pay deposits to connect or restore necessary utility services in the alternative housing provided;

495 7. Ordering the respondent to participate in treatment, counseling or other programs as the court
496 deems appropriate;

497 8. Granting the petitioner the possession of any companion animal as defined in § 3.2-6500 if such
498 petitioner meets the definition of owner in § 3.2-6500; and

499 9. Any other relief necessary for the protection of the petitioner and family or household members of
500 the petitioner, including a provision for temporary custody or visitation of a minor child.

501 A1. If a protective order is issued pursuant to subsection A, the court may also issue a temporary
502 child support order for the support of any children of the petitioner whom the respondent has a legal
503 obligation to support. Such order shall terminate upon the determination of support pursuant to
504 § 20-108.1.

505 B. The protective order may be issued for a specified period of time up to a maximum of two years.
506 The protective order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day specified or at 11:59 p.m. on the last day
507 of the two-year period if no date is specified. Prior to the expiration of the protective order, a petitioner
508 may file a written motion requesting a hearing to extend the order. Proceedings to extend a protective
509 order shall be given precedence on the docket of the court. If the petitioner was a family or household
510 member of the respondent at the time the initial protective order was issued, the court may extend the
511 protective order for a period not longer than two years to protect the health and safety of the petitioner
512 or persons who are family or household members of the petitioner at the time the request for an
513 extension is made. The extension of the protective order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day
514 specified or at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the two-year period if no date is specified. Nothing herein
515 shall limit the number of extensions that may be requested or issued.

516 C. A copy of the protective order shall be served on the respondent and provided to the petitioner as
517 soon as possible. The court, including a circuit court if the circuit court issued the order, shall forthwith,
518 but in all cases no later than the end of the business day on which the order was issued, enter and
519 transfer electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information Network the respondent's identifying
520 information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each protected person provided to the court
521 and shall forthwith forward the attested copy of the protective order containing any such identifying
522 information to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective
523 orders. Upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith
524 verify and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate
525 information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network
526 established and maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and
527 the order shall be served forthwith upon the respondent and due return made to the court. Upon service,
528 the agency making service shall enter the date and time of service and other appropriate information
529 required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network and make
530 due return to the court. If the order is later dissolved or modified, a copy of the dissolution or
531 modification order shall also be attested, forwarded forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency
532 responsible for service and entry of protective orders, and upon receipt of the order by the primary
533 law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any modification as necessary to the
534 identifying information and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police
535 into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described above and the order shall be served
536 forthwith and due return made to the court.

537 D. Except as otherwise provided in § 16.1-253.2, a violation of a protective order issued under this
538 section shall constitute contempt of court.

539 E. The court may assess costs and attorneys' fees against either party regardless of whether an order
540 of protection has been issued as a result of a full hearing.

541 F. Any judgment, order or decree, whether permanent or temporary, issued by a court of appropriate
542 jurisdiction in another state, the United States or any of its territories, possessions or Commonwealths,
543 the District of Columbia or by any tribal court of appropriate jurisdiction for the purpose of preventing
544 violent or threatening acts or harassment against or contact or communication with or physical proximity
545 to another person, including any of the conditions specified in subsection A, shall be accorded full faith
546 and credit and enforced in the Commonwealth as if it were an order of the Commonwealth, provided
547 reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard were given by the issuing jurisdiction to the person
548 against whom the order is sought to be enforced sufficient to protect such person's due process rights
549 and consistent with federal law. A person entitled to protection under such a foreign order may file the
550 order in any juvenile and domestic relations district court by filing with the court an attested or
551 exemplified copy of the order. Upon such a filing, the clerk shall forthwith forward an attested copy of

552 the order to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders
553 which shall, upon receipt, enter the name of the person subject to the order and other appropriate
554 information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network
555 established and maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52. Where
556 practical, the court may transfer information electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information Network.

557 Upon inquiry by any law-enforcement agency of the Commonwealth, the clerk shall make a copy
558 available of any foreign order filed with that court. A law-enforcement officer may, in the performance
559 of his duties, rely upon a copy of a foreign protective order or other suitable evidence which has been
560 provided to him by any source and may also rely upon the statement of any person protected by the
561 order that the order remains in effect.

562 G. Either party may at any time file a written motion with the court requesting a hearing to dissolve
563 or modify the order. Proceedings to dissolve or modify a protective order shall be given precedence on
564 the docket of the court.

565 H. As used in this section:

566 "Copy" includes a facsimile copy; and

567 "Protective order" includes an initial, modified or extended protective order.

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

573 J. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.

574 K. *Upon issuance of a protective order, the court shall provide the petitioner with a list of firearms*
575 *safety or training courses or classes that are available free of charge to victims of domestic violence,*
576 *sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse under § 9.1-116.1:1.*

577 **§ 19.2-152.8. Emergency protective orders authorized.**

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

581 B. When a law-enforcement officer or an alleged victim asserts under oath to a judge or magistrate
582 that such person is being or has been subjected to an act of violence, force, or threat and on that
583 assertion or other evidence the judge or magistrate finds that (i) there is probable danger of a further
584 such act being committed by the respondent against the alleged victim or (ii) a petition or warrant for
585 the arrest of the respondent has been issued for any criminal offense resulting from the commission of
586 an act of violence, force, or threat, the judge or magistrate shall issue an ex parte emergency protective
587 order imposing one or more of the following conditions on the respondent:

588 1. Prohibiting acts of violence, force, or threat or criminal offenses resulting in injury to person or
589 property;

590 2. Prohibiting such contacts by the respondent with the alleged victim or the alleged victim's family
591 or household members, including prohibiting the respondent from being in the physical presence of the
592 alleged victim or the alleged victim's family or household members, as the judge or magistrate deems
593 necessary to protect the safety of such persons;

594 3. Such other conditions as the judge or magistrate deems necessary to prevent (i) acts of violence,
595 force, or threat, (ii) criminal offenses resulting in injury to person or property, or (iii) communication or
596 other contact of any kind by the respondent; and

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

599 C. An emergency protective order issued pursuant to this section shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the
600 third day following issuance. If the expiration occurs on a day that the court is not in session, the
601 emergency protective order shall be extended until 11:59 p.m. on the next day that the court which
602 issued the order is in session. The respondent may at any time file a motion with the court requesting a
603 hearing to dissolve or modify the order. The hearing on the motion shall be given precedence on the
604 docket of the court.

605 D. A law-enforcement officer may request an emergency protective order pursuant to this section
606 and, if the person in need of protection is physically or mentally incapable of filing a petition pursuant
607 to § 19.2-152.9 or 19.2-152.10, may request the extension of an emergency protective order for an
608 additional period of time not to exceed three days after expiration of the original order. The request for
609 an emergency protective order or extension of an order may be made orally, in person or by electronic
610 means, and the judge of a circuit court, general district court, or juvenile and domestic relations district
611 court or a magistrate may issue an oral emergency protective order. An oral emergency protective order
612 issued pursuant to this section shall be reduced to writing, by the law-enforcement officer requesting the
613 order or the magistrate, on a preprinted form approved and provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia.

614 The completed form shall include a statement of the grounds for the order asserted by the officer or the
615 alleged victim of such crime.

616 E. The court or magistrate shall forthwith, but in all cases no later than the end of the business day
617 on which the order was issued, enter and transfer electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information
618 Network the respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each
619 protected person provided to the court or magistrate. A copy of an emergency protective order issued
620 pursuant to this section containing any such identifying information shall be forwarded forthwith to the
621 primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders. Upon receipt of
622 the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any
623 modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate information required by
624 the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and
625 maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be
626 served forthwith upon the respondent and due return made to the court. However, if the order is issued
627 by the circuit court, the clerk of the circuit court shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the order
628 containing the respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each
629 protected person provided to the court to the primary law-enforcement agency providing service and
630 entry of protective orders and upon receipt of the order, the primary law-enforcement agency shall enter
631 the name of the person subject to the order and other appropriate information required by the
632 Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and maintained
633 by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be served
634 forthwith upon the respondent. Upon service, the agency making service shall enter the date and time of
635 service and other appropriate information required into the Virginia Criminal Information Network and
636 make due return to the court. One copy of the order shall be given to the alleged victim of such crime.
637 The judge or magistrate who issues an oral order pursuant to an electronic request by a law-enforcement
638 officer shall verify the written order to determine whether the officer who reduced it to writing
639 accurately transcribed the contents of the oral order. The original copy shall be filed with the clerk of
640 the appropriate district court within five business days of the issuance of the order. If the order is later
641 dissolved or modified, a copy of the dissolution or modification order shall also be attested, forwarded
642 forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders,
643 and upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify
644 and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate information
645 required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described
646 above and the order shall be served forthwith and due return made to the court. Upon request, the clerk
647 shall provide the alleged victim of such crime with information regarding the date and time of service.

648 F. The issuance of an emergency protective order shall not be considered evidence of any
649 wrongdoing by the respondent.

650 G. As used in this section, a "law-enforcement officer" means any (i) person who is a full-time or
651 part-time employee of a police department or sheriff's office which is part of or administered by the
652 Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and who is responsible for the prevention and
653 detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth and
654 (ii) member of an auxiliary police force established pursuant to § 15.2-1731. Part-time employees are
655 compensated officers who are not full-time employees as defined by the employing police department or
656 sheriff's office.

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

662 I. As used in this section:

663 "Copy" includes a facsimile copy.

664 "Physical presence" includes (i) intentionally maintaining direct visual contact with the petitioner or
665 (ii) unreasonably being within 100 feet from the petitioner's residence or place of employment.

666 J. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition pursuant to this section.

667 K. No emergency protective order shall be issued pursuant to this section against a law-enforcement
668 officer for any action arising out of the lawful performance of his duties.

669 L. Upon issuance of an emergency protective order, the court or magistrate shall provide the
670 petitioner with a list of firearms safety or training courses or classes that are available free of charge
671 to victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse under § 9.1-116.1:1.

672 **§ 19.2-152.9. Preliminary protective orders.**

673 A. Upon the filing of a petition alleging that (i) the petitioner is or has been, within a reasonable
674 period of time, subjected to an act of violence, force, or threat, or (ii) a petition or warrant has been

675 issued for the arrest of the alleged perpetrator for any criminal offense resulting from the commission of
676 an act of violence, force, or threat, the court may issue a preliminary protective order against the alleged
677 perpetrator in order to protect the health and safety of the petitioner or any family or household member
678 of the petitioner. The order may be issued in an ex parte proceeding upon good cause shown when the
679 petition is supported by an affidavit or sworn testimony before the judge or intake officer. Immediate
680 and present danger of any act of violence, force, or threat or evidence sufficient to establish probable
681 cause that an act of violence, force, or threat has recently occurred shall constitute good cause.

682 A preliminary protective order may include any one or more of the following conditions to be
683 imposed on the respondent:

684 1. Prohibiting acts of violence, force, or threat or criminal offenses that may result in injury to
685 person or property;

686 2. Prohibiting such other contacts by the respondent with the petitioner or the petitioner's family or
687 household members as the court deems necessary for the health and safety of such persons;

688 3. Such other conditions as the court deems necessary to prevent (i) acts of violence, force, or threat,
689 (ii) criminal offenses that may result in injury to person or property, or (iii) communication or other
690 contact of any kind by the respondent; and

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

693 B. The court shall forthwith, but in all cases no later than the end of the business day on which the
694 order was issued, enter and transfer electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information Network the
695 respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each protected person
696 provided to the court. A copy of a preliminary protective order containing any such identifying
697 information shall be forwarded forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service
698 and entry of protective orders. Upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the
699 agency shall forthwith verify and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and
700 other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal
701 Information Network established and maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et
702 seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be served forthwith on the alleged perpetrator in person as provided
703 in § 16.1-264, and due return made to the court. However, if the order is issued by the circuit court, the
704 clerk of the circuit court shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the order containing the
705 respondent's identifying information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each protected person
706 provided to the court to the primary law-enforcement agency providing service and entry of protective
707 orders and upon receipt of the order, the primary law-enforcement agency shall enter the name of the
708 person subject to the order and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police
709 into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and maintained by the Department pursuant
710 to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and the order shall be served forthwith on the alleged
711 perpetrator in person as provided in § 16.1-264. Upon service, the agency making service shall enter the
712 date and time of service and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police
713 into the Virginia Criminal Information Network and make due return to the court. The preliminary order
714 shall specify a date for the full hearing. The hearing shall be held within 15 days of the issuance of the
715 preliminary order. If the respondent fails to appear at this hearing because the respondent was not
716 personally served, the court may extend the protective order for a period not to exceed six months. The
717 extended protective order shall be served as soon as possible on the respondent. However, upon motion
718 of the respondent and for good cause shown, the court may continue the hearing. The preliminary order
719 shall remain in effect until the hearing. Upon request after the order is issued, the clerk shall provide the
720 petitioner with a copy of the order and information regarding the date and time of service. The order
721 shall further specify that either party may at any time file a motion with the court requesting a hearing
722 to dissolve or modify the order. The hearing on the motion shall be given precedence on the docket of
723 the court.

724 Upon receipt of the return of service or other proof of service pursuant to subsection C of
725 § 16.1-264, the clerk shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the preliminary protective order to
726 primary law-enforcement agency and the agency shall forthwith verify and enter any modification as
727 necessary into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described above. If the order is later
728 dissolved or modified, a copy of the dissolution or modification order shall also be attested, forwarded
729 forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders,
730 and upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith verify
731 and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate information
732 required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network as described
733 above and the order shall be served forthwith and due return made to the court.

734 C. The preliminary order is effective upon personal service on the alleged perpetrator. Except as
735 otherwise provided, a violation of the order shall constitute contempt of court.

736 D. At a full hearing on the petition, the court may issue a protective order pursuant to § 19.2-152.10

737 if the court finds that the petitioner has proven the allegation that the petitioner is or has been, within a
738 reasonable period of time, subjected to an act of violence, force, or threat by a preponderance of the
739 evidence.

740 E. No fees shall be charged for filing or serving petitions pursuant to this section.

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

746 G. As used in this section, "copy" includes a facsimile copy.

747 H. *Upon issuance of a preliminary protective order, the court shall provide the petitioner with a list*
748 *of firearms safety or training courses or classes that are available free of charge to victims of domestic*
749 *violence, sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse under § 9.1-116.1:1.*

750 **§ 19.2-152.10. Protective order.**

751 A. The court may issue a protective order pursuant to this chapter to protect the health and safety of
752 the petitioner and family or household members of a petitioner upon (i) the issuance of a petition or
753 warrant for, or a conviction of, any criminal offense resulting from the commission of an act of
754 violence, force, or threat or (ii) a hearing held pursuant to subsection D of § 19.2-152.9. A protective
755 order issued under this section may include any one or more of the following conditions to be imposed
756 on the respondent:

757 1. Prohibiting acts of violence, force, or threat or criminal offenses that may result in injury to
758 person or property;

759 2. Prohibiting such contacts by the respondent with the petitioner or family or household members of
760 the petitioner as the court deems necessary for the health or safety of such persons;

761 3. Any other relief necessary to prevent (i) acts of violence, force, or threat, (ii) criminal offenses
762 that may result in injury to person or property, or (iii) communication or other contact of any kind by
763 the respondent; and

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

766 B. The protective order may be issued for a specified period of time up to a maximum of two years.
767 The protective order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day specified or at 11:59 p.m. on the last day
768 of the two-year period if no date is specified. Prior to the expiration of the protective order, a petitioner
769 may file a written motion requesting a hearing to extend the order. Proceedings to extend a protective
770 order shall be given precedence on the docket of the court. The court may extend the protective order
771 for a period not longer than two years to protect the health and safety of the petitioner or persons who
772 are family or household members of the petitioner at the time the request for an extension is made. The
773 extension of the protective order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day specified or at 11:59 p.m. on
774 the last day of the two-year period if no date is specified. Nothing herein shall limit the number of
775 extensions that may be requested or issued.

776 C. A copy of the protective order shall be served on the respondent and provided to the petitioner as
777 soon as possible. The court, including a circuit court if the circuit court issued the order, shall forthwith,
778 but in all cases no later than the end of the business day on which the order was issued, enter and
779 transfer electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information Network the respondent's identifying
780 information and the name, date of birth, sex, and race of each protected person provided to the court
781 and shall forthwith forward the attested copy of the protective order and containing any such identifying
782 information to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective
783 orders. Upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall forthwith
784 verify and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and other appropriate
785 information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network
786 established and maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52 and
787 the order shall be served forthwith upon the respondent and due return made to the court. Upon service,
788 the agency making service shall enter the date and time of service and other appropriate information
789 required into the Virginia Criminal Information Network and make due return to the court. If the order
790 is later dissolved or modified, a copy of the dissolution or modification order shall also be attested,
791 forwarded forthwith to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of
792 protective orders, and upon receipt of the order by the primary law-enforcement agency, the agency shall
793 forthwith verify and enter any modification as necessary to the identifying information and other
794 appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal
795 Information Network as described above and the order shall be served forthwith and due return made to
796 the court.

797 D. Except as otherwise provided, a violation of a protective order issued under this section shall

798 constitute contempt of court.

799 E. The court may assess costs and attorneys' fees against either party regardless of whether an order
800 of protection has been issued as a result of a full hearing.

801 F. Any judgment, order or decree, whether permanent or temporary, issued by a court of appropriate
802 jurisdiction in another state, the United States or any of its territories, possessions or Commonwealths,
803 the District of Columbia or by any tribal court of appropriate jurisdiction for the purpose of preventing
804 violent or threatening acts or harassment against or contact or communication with or physical proximity
805 to another person, including any of the conditions specified in subsection A, shall be accorded full faith
806 and credit and enforced in the Commonwealth as if it were an order of the Commonwealth, provided
807 reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard were given by the issuing jurisdiction to the person
808 against whom the order is sought to be enforced sufficient to protect such person's due process rights
809 and consistent with federal law. A person entitled to protection under such a foreign order may file the
810 order in any appropriate district court by filing with the court, an attested or exemplified copy of the
811 order. Upon such a filing, the clerk shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the order to the primary
812 law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders which shall, upon receipt,
813 enter the name of the person subject to the order and other appropriate information required by the
814 Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and maintained
815 by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52. Where practical, the court may
816 transfer information electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information Network.

817 Upon inquiry by any law-enforcement agency of the Commonwealth, the clerk shall make a copy
818 available of any foreign order filed with that court. A law-enforcement officer may, in the performance
819 of his duties, rely upon a copy of a foreign protective order or other suitable evidence which has been
820 provided to him by any source and may also rely upon the statement of any person protected by the
821 order that the order remains in effect.

822 G. Either party may at any time file a written motion with the court requesting a hearing to dissolve
823 or modify the order. Proceedings to modify or dissolve a protective order shall be given precedence on
824 the docket of the court.

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

830 I. No fees shall be charged for filing or serving petitions pursuant to this section.

831 J. As used in this section:

832 "Copy" includes a facsimile copy; and

833 "Protective order" includes an initial, modified or extended protective order.

834 K. *Upon issuance of a protective order, the court shall provide the petitioner with a list of firearms*
835 *safety or training courses or classes that are available free of charge to victims of domestic violence,*
836 *sexual abuse, stalking, or family abuse under § 9.1-116.1:1.*