

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2018 SESSION

CHAPTER 656

An Act to amend and reenact § 16.1-242 of the Code of Virginia, relating to retention of jurisdiction over juvenile offenders.

[S 609]

Approved March 30, 2018

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-242 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-242. Retention of jurisdiction.

When jurisdiction has been obtained by the court in the case of any child, such jurisdiction, *which includes the authority to suspend, reduce, modify, or dismiss the disposition of any juvenile adjudication*, may be retained by the court until such person becomes ~~twenty-one~~ 21 years of age, except when the person is in the custody of the Department or when jurisdiction is divested under the provisions of § 16.1-244. In any event, when such person reaches the age of ~~twenty-one~~ 21 and a prosecution has not been commenced against him, he shall be proceeded against as an adult, even if he was a juvenile when the offense was committed.

2. That the provisions of this act are declaratory of existing law.