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**SENATE BILL NO. 609**

Senate Amendments in [ ] — February 7, 2018

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

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Surovell

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**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, [ ~~or~~ ] 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.

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