

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

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5 Approved

[S 609]

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

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

8 **§ 16.1-242. Retention of jurisdiction.**

9 When jurisdiction has been obtained by the court in the case of any child, such jurisdiction, *which*
10 *includes the authority to suspend, reduce, modify, or dismiss the disposition of any juvenile adjudication,*
11 *may be retained by the court until such person becomes ~~twenty-one~~ 21 years of age, except when the*
12 *person is in the custody of the Department or when jurisdiction is divested under the provisions of*
13 *§ 16.1-244. In any event, when such person reaches the age of ~~twenty-one~~ 21 and a prosecution has not*
14 *been commenced against him, he shall be proceeded against as an adult, even if he was a juvenile when*
15 *the offense was committed.*

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

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