## **2018 SESSION**

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| 1         | SENATE BILL NO. 67   |
| 2         | Offered January 10, 2018   |
| 3         | Prefiled November 30, 2017   |
| 4         | A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-261 of the Code of Virginia, relating to statements made by a |
| 5         | child to an intake officer or probation officer.   |
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|           | Patrons—Favola and Marsden; Delegate: Kory   |
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| 8         | Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice  |
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| 10        | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:   |
| 11        | 1. That § 16.1-261 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:                  |
| <b>12</b> | § 16.1-261. Statements made by a child during or after intake or mental health screening or      |
| 13        | evaluation prior to hearing.   |
| 14        | Statements made by a child to the intake officer or probation officer during or after the intake |

Statements made by a child to the intake officer or probation officer during *or after* the intake process, or during *or after* a mental health screening or assessment conducted pursuant to § 16.1-248.2 or other court-ordered evaluations or assessments, and prior to a hearing on the merits of the petition filed against the child, shall not be admissible at any stage of the proceedings.