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SENATE BILL NO. 67

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice  
on January 22, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Favola)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 16.1-261 of the Code of Virginia, relating to statements made by a child to an intake officer or probation officer.*

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

**1. That § 16.1-261 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 16.1-261. Statements made by a child during or after intake or mental health screening or evaluation prior to hearing.**

Statements made by a child (i) to the intake officer or probation officer during the intake process or ~~during~~ (ii) to any persons participating in a screening, evaluation, or assessment of a child, including a mental health screening or assessment conducted pursuant to § 16.1-248.2 ~~and~~, prior to a hearing on the merits of the petition filed against the child, shall not, *with the exception of at disposition*, be admissible at any stage of the proceedings.

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