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SENATE BILL NO. 890

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 19.2-387, 19.2-389, 19.2-391, 53.1-136, and 53.1-165.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to juvenile offenders; parole.

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Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 19.2-387, 19.2-389, 19.2-391, 53.1-136, and 53.1-165.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-387. Exchange to operate as a division of Department of State Police; authority of Superintendent of State Police.

A. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall operate as a separate division within the Department of State Police and shall be the sole criminal ~~record-keeping~~ *recordkeeping* agency of the Commonwealth, except for (i) the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Chapter 10 (§ 16.1-222 et seq.) of Title 16.1, (ii) the Department of Motor Vehicles, (iii) for purposes of the DNA data bank, the Department of Forensic Science, and (iv) for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 6 of § 53.1-136, the Virginia Parole Board.

B. The Superintendent of State Police is hereby authorized to employ such personnel, establish such offices, and acquire such equipment as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and is also authorized to enter into agreements with other state agencies for services to be performed for it by employees of such other agencies.

§ 19.2-389. Dissemination of criminal history record information.

A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an intermediary, only to:

1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 6 of § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For purposes of this subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time or part-time employee of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice;

2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement a state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that expressly refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such conduct, except that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a noncriminal justice agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is pending;

3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and confidentiality of the data;

4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities pursuant to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and security of the data;

5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining employment suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;

6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies

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59 owned, operated or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that
60 operates a public transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of
61 applicants for employment, permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is
62 necessary to determine under a duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a
63 conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under
64 consideration;

65 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of
66 Title 33.2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a
67 position of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the
68 Transportation District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person
69 with a conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

70 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate
71 compact to investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the
72 adult members of that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or
73 from whom the agency is considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency,
74 temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that
75 the data shall not be further disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as
76 may be required to comply with an express requirement of law;

77 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in
78 § 56-1, for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves
79 personal contact with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible
80 with the nature of the employment under consideration;

81 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international
82 travel, including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

83 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in
84 § 9.1-101 at his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a
85 person who has applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of
86 America; (ii) a volunteer fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any
87 affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse, Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board
88 member or any individual who has been offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime
89 Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in § 15.2-1713.1;

90 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child
91 welfare agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services'
92 representative pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and
93 volunteers at such facilities, caretakers, and other adults living in family day homes or homes approved
94 by family day systems, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing agencies,
95 pursuant to §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, 63.2-1720.1, 63.2-1721, and 63.2-1721.1, subject to the restriction
96 that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data
97 subject, the Commissioner of Social Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as
98 may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further dissemination;

99 13. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are
100 offered or who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a
101 report of arrest has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

102 14. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law
103 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.), and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of
104 investigations as set forth in Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

105 15. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations
106 of applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital
107 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject
108 to the limitations set out in subsection E;

109 16. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care centers for the conduct of
110 investigations of applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and
111 licensed adult day care centers pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

112 17. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth
113 in § 4.1-103.1;

114 18. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars
115 appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to
116 voter registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

117 19. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for those individuals who
118 are committed to the custody of the Commissioner pursuant to §§ 19.2-169.2, 19.2-169.6, 19.2-182.2,
119 19.2-182.3, 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 for the purpose of placement, evaluation, and treatment planning;

120 20. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety

121 Action Program for (i) assessments of habitual offenders under § 46.2-360, (ii) interventions with first
122 offenders under § 18.2-251, or (iii) services to offenders under § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

123 21. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the
124 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
125 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual
126 services;

127 22. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the
128 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to
129 departmental instructions;

130 23. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or
131 secondary schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such
132 records information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written
133 agreement with the Department of State Police;

134 24. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for
135 the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

136 25. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4,
137 by a public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of
138 higher education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may
139 present a threat to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal
140 history record information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual
141 beyond the purpose that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

142 26. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the
143 community services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment,
144 approval as a sponsored residential service provider, or permission to enter into a shared living
145 arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver pursuant to
146 §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607;

147 27. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of
148 determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider,
149 or permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance
150 services pursuant to a waiver pursuant to §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607;

151 28. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support
152 or who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the
153 name, address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

154 29. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of
155 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
156 purpose of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests
157 approval as a sponsored residential service provider or permission to enter into a shared living
158 arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver has been convicted
159 of a crime that affects his fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with
160 mental illness, intellectual disability, or substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-506, and
161 37.2-607;

162 30. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants
163 for and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20
164 (§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

165 31. The chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice of the Senate or the House of Delegates
166 for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any judgeship has been
167 convicted of a crime;

168 32. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of
169 determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department
170 of Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

171 33. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under
172 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually
173 Violent Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

174 34. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design,
175 construction, overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary
176 companies, for the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities,
177 by contractors, leased laborers, and other visitors;

178 35. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for
179 the purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

180 36. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as
181 providers of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is

considering placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

37. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered, or have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the Medicaid Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other program administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

38. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current or proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under Chapter 16 (§ 6.2-1600 et seq.) or Chapter 19 (§ 6.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 6.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in part on information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16 or 19 of Title 6.2, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such information to the applicant or its designee;

39. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

40. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment and for the purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11 (§ 51.5-170 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

41. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

42. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

43. The Department of Social Services and directors of local departments of social services for the purpose of screening individuals seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Social Services or a local department of social services for the provision of child care services for which child care subsidy payments may be provided;

44. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of a juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by § 16.1-273 or a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233; and

45. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records requested may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal Records Exchange to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons designated in the order on whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; however, such person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the making of such request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further disseminate that data as he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data subject, the person making the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further.

C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal history record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records Exchange prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is being used. Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases where time is of the essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary time period. A criminal justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of criminal history record information that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange may direct the inquirer to the Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. Dissemination of information regarding offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the record as required by § 15.2-1722.

E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care organizations pursuant to subdivision A 15 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care centers pursuant to subdivision A 16 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 36 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the definition of barrier crime in § 19.2-392.02.

H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on whom the data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has presented a photo-identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be conducted on forms provided by the Exchange.

§ 19.2-391. Records to be made available to Exchange by state officials and agencies; duplication of records.

Each state official and agency shall make available to the Central Criminal Records Exchange such of their records as are pertinent to its functions and shall cooperate with the Exchange in the development and use of equipment and facilities on a joint basis, where feasible. No state official or agency shall maintain records which are a duplication of the records on deposit in the Central Criminal Records Exchange, except to the extent necessary for efficient internal administration of such agency. Furthermore, the Virginia Parole Board may receive and use electronically disseminated criminal history record information from the Central Criminal Records Exchange as required to make parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 6 of § 53.1-136, provided the data is (i) temporarily stored with the Board solely for operational purposes, (ii) purged within ~~thirty~~ 30 days of receipt of updated data by the Board, and (iii) accessed and viewed solely by Parole Board members and authorized staff pursuant to §§§ 9.1-101 and § 9.1-130.

§ 53.1-136. Powers and duties of Board; notice of release of certain inmates.

In addition to the other powers and duties imposed upon the Board by this article, the Board shall:

1. Adopt, subject to approval by the Governor, general rules governing the granting of parole and eligibility requirements, which shall be published and posted for public review;

2. ~~(a)~~ Adopt, subject to approval by the Governor, rules providing for the granting of parole to those prisoners who are eligible for parole pursuant to § 53.1-165.1 on the basis of demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation and the lesser culpability of juvenile offenders;

3. a. Release on parole for such time and upon such terms and conditions as the Board shall prescribe, persons convicted of felonies and confined under the laws of the Commonwealth in any correctional facility in Virginia when those persons become eligible and are found suitable for parole, according to those rules adopted pursuant to subdivision 1 and 2;

~~(b)~~ b. Establish the conditions of postrelease supervision authorized pursuant to §§ § 18.2-10 and subsection A of § 19.2-295.2 A;

~~(c)~~ c. Notify by certified mail at least 21 business days prior to release on discretionary parole of any inmate convicted of a felony and sentenced to a term of 10 or more years, the attorney for the Commonwealth in the jurisdiction where the inmate was sentenced. In the case of parole granted for medical reasons, where death is imminent, the Commonwealth's Attorney attorney for the Commonwealth may be notified by telephone or other electronic means prior to release. Nothing in this subsection section shall be construed to alter the obligations of the Board under § 53.1-155 for investigation prior to release;

~~(d)~~ ~~in~~ d. Provide that in any case where a person who is released on parole or postrelease supervision has been committed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services under the provisions of Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2; the conditions of his parole or postrelease supervision shall include the requirement that the person comply with all conditions given him by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and that he follow all of the terms of his treatment plan;

3. 4. Revoke parole and any period of postrelease and order the reincarceration of any parolee or felon serving a period of postrelease supervision or impose a condition of participation in any component of the Statewide Community-Based Corrections System for State-Responsible Offenders (§ 53.1-67.2 et seq.) on any eligible parolee, when, in the judgment of the Board, he has violated the conditions of his parole; or postrelease supervision or is otherwise unfit to be on parole or on postrelease supervision;

4. 5. Issue final discharges to persons released by the Board on parole when the Board is of the

305 opinion that the discharge of the parolee will not be incompatible with the welfare of such person or of
306 society;

307 ~~5-~~ 6. Make investigations and reports with respect to any commutation of sentence, pardon, reprieve
308 or remission of fine or penalty when requested by the Governor;

309 ~~6-~~ 7. Publish monthly a statement regarding the action taken by the Board on the parole of prisoners.
310 The statement shall list the name of each prisoner considered for parole and indicate whether parole was
311 granted or denied, as well as the basis for denial of parole as described in subdivision 2 (a); and

312 ~~7-~~ 8. Ensure that each person eligible for parole receives a timely and thorough review of his
313 suitability for release on parole, including a review of any relevant post-sentencing information. If parole
314 is denied, the basis for the denial of parole shall be in writing and shall give specific reasons for such
315 denial to such inmate.

316 **§ 53.1-165.1. Limitation on the application of parole statutes.**

317 A. The provisions of this article, except §§ 53.1-160 and 53.1-160.1, shall not apply to any sentence
318 imposed or to any prisoner incarcerated upon a conviction for a felony offense committed on or after
319 January 1, 1995. Any person sentenced to a term of incarceration for a felony offense committed on or
320 after January 1, 1995, shall not be eligible for parole upon that offense.

321 *B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A or any other provision of this article to the*
322 *contrary, any person sentenced to a term of life imprisonment for a single felony or multiple felonies*
323 *committed while the person was a juvenile and who has served at least 25 years of such sentence shall*
324 *be eligible for parole and any person who has active sentences that total more than 25 years for a*
325 *single felony or multiple felonies committed while the person was a juvenile and who has served at least*
326 *25 years of such sentences shall be eligible for parole. The Board shall review and decide the case of*
327 *each prisoner who is eligible for parole in accordance with § 53.1-154 and rules adopted pursuant to*
328 *subdivision 2 of § 53.1-136.*