report to be made. If an investigation is required, the circuit court shall forward a copy of the petition

## 21100326D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1957** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 13, 2021 Prefiled January 11, 2021 A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-1244 of the Code of Virginia, relating to adult adoption; investigation and report. 6 Patrons—Avoli, Kory, Marshall, Walker and Wiley 7 8 Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 63.2-1244 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 12 § 63.2-1244. Investigation and report at discretion of circuit court; exception. 13 For adoptions under this article, an investigation and report shall not be made unless the circuit court 14 in its discretion so requires. However, if a petition is filed for the adoption of any person eighteen years of age or older under clause (iv) of § 63.2-1243, the circuit court shall require an investigation and 15

and all exhibits to the local director and the provisions of § 63.2-1208 shall apply.

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