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## HOUSE BILL NO. 398

Offered January 21, 1994

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 9-173.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program; advisory committee.*

Patrons—Puller, Baker, Darner, DeBoer, Jackson and Jones, J.C.; Senators: Houck and Howell

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

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

#### **1. That § 9-173.6 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 9-173.6. Established; powers of Director.

A. There is hereby established a Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program. The Program shall be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The Program shall provide services in accordance with this article to children who are subjects of judicial proceedings involving allegations that the child is abused, neglected, in need of services or in need of supervision, and for whom the judge determines such services are appropriate. The Department shall promulgate regulations necessary and appropriate for the administration of the Program.

B. The Board shall appoint an Advisory Committee to the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program, consisting of ~~twelve~~ *fifteen* members, knowledgeable of court matters, child welfare and juvenile justice issues and representative of both state and local interests. The duties of the Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Board on all matters relating to the Program and the needs of the clients served by the Program, and to make such recommendations as it may deem desirable.

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