

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 448

An Act to amend and reenact § 16.1-290 of the Code of Virginia, relating to support of committed juvenile.

[H 1987]

Approved March 20, 1995

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 16.1-290 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-290. Support of committed juvenile; support from estate of juvenile.

A. Whenever legal custody of a ~~child~~ juvenile is vested by the court in someone other than his parents, *or whenever a juvenile is placed in temporary shelter care regardless of whether or not legal custody is retained by his parents*, after due notice to the parents or other persons legally obligated to care for and support the ~~child~~ juvenile, and after an investigation and hearing, the court shall order and decree that the parent or other legally obligated person shall pay, in such a manner as the court may direct, a reasonable sum commensurate with the ability to pay, that will cover in whole or in part the support and treatment of the ~~child~~ juvenile after the decree is entered. If the parent or other legally obligated person willfully fails or refuses to pay such sum, the court may proceed against him for contempt, or the order may be filed and shall have the effect of a civil judgment.

B. If a ~~child~~ juvenile has an estate in the hands of a guardian or trustee, the guardian or trustee may be required to pay for his education and maintenance so long as there may be funds for that purpose.