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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

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

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Approved

6 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

8 § 16.1-290. Support of committed juvenile; support from estate of juvenile.

9 A. Whenever legal custody of a child juvenile is vested by the court in someone other than his 10 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 11 12 care for and support the child juvenile, and after an investigation and hearing, the court shall order and 13 decree that the parent or other legally obligated person shall pay, in such a manner as the court may 14 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 15 obligated person willfully fails or refuses to pay such sum, the court may proceed against him for 16 contempt, or the order may be filed and shall have the effect of a civil judgment. 17

18 B. If a child *juvenile* has an estate in the hands of a guardian or trustee, the guardian or trustee may 19 be required to pay for his education and maintenance so long as there may be funds for that purpose.