

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.1-248.5:1.01, relating to false*
3 *reports of child abuse and neglect; penalties.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.1-248.5:1.01 as follows:**

8 *§ 63.1-248.5:1.01. Knowingly making false reports; penalties.*

9 *A. Any person fourteen years of age or older who makes or causes to be made a report of child*
10 *abuse or neglect pursuant to this chapter which he knows to be false shall be guilty of a Class 4*
11 *misdemeanor. Any person fourteen years of age or older who has been previously convicted under this*
12 *subsection and who is subsequently convicted of making a false report of child abuse or neglect under*
13 *this subsection shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.*

14 *B. The child protective services records regarding the person who was alleged to have committed*
15 *abuse or neglect which result from a report for which a conviction is obtained under this section shall*
16 *be purged immediately by any custodian of such records upon presentation to the custodian of a*
17 *certified copy of such conviction. After purging the records, the custodian shall notify the person in*
18 *writing that such records have been purged.*

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