# **1996 SESSION**

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1	SENATE BILL NO. 603
2	Offered January 22, 1996
3	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-751, 2.1-753, 2.1-757, 9-168, 16.1-224, 16.1-233, 16.1-234,
4	16.1-235, 16.1-236, 16.1-240, 16.1-254, 16.1-255, 16.1-260, 16.1-267, 16.1-278.5, 16.1-278.7,
5	16.1-293, 16.1-300, 16.1-305, 63.1-248.3, and 63.1-248.4, as they are effective and as they may
6	become effective, and §§ 16.1-237, 16.1-238, 16.1-239, 16.1-274, 16.1-285.2, 16.1-286, 16.1-294,
7	16.1-309.1, 16.1-309.3, 16.1-330.1, and 19.2-123 of the Code of Virginia, relating to juvenile
8 9	probation and parole offices; proper nomenclature.
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12	Referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice
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14	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
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16	16.1-240, 16.1-254, 16.1-255, 16.1-260, 16.1-267, 16.1-278.5, 16.1-278.7, 16.1-293, 16.1-300, 16.1-305,
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19	19.2-123 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:
20	§ 2.1-751. Community policy and management teams; membership; immunity from liability.
21 22	The community policy and management team to be appointed by the local governing body shall include, at a minimum, the local agency heads or their designees of the following community agencies:
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23 24	<i>parole office</i> , department of health, department of social services and the local school division. The
25	team shall also include a representative of a private organization or association of providers for
26	children's or family services if such organizations or associations are located within the locality, and a
27	parent representative who is not an employee of any public or private program which receives funds
28	pursuant to this chapter or is represented on a community policy and management team. Those persons
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30 31	their agencies.
31 32	The local governing body may appoint other members to the team including, but not limited to, a local government official, a local law-enforcement official and representatives of other public agencies.
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34	management team, the membership requirements previously set out shall be adhered to by the team as a
35	whole.
36	Persons who serve on the team shall be immune from any civil liability for decisions made about the
37	appropriate services for a family or the proper placement or treatment of a child who comes before the
38	team, unless it is proven that such person acted with malicious intent. Any person serving on such team
39	who does not represent a public agency shall file a statement of economic interests as set out in
40	§ 2.1-639.15 of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.1-639.1 et seq.). Persons
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B. The state pool shall consist of funds which serve the target populations identified in subdivisions through 5 below in the purchase of residential and nonresidential services for children. References to funding sources and current placement authority for the targeted populations of children are for the purpose of accounting for the funds in the pool. It is not intended that children be categorized by individual funding streams in order to access services. The target population shall be the following:

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§ 9-168. Criminal Justice Services Board, Committee on Training, and Advisory Committee on
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233 A. There is hereby created the Criminal Justice Services Board. The Board shall be composed of 234 twenty-seven members as set out below. Eight members of the Board shall be as follows: the Chief 235 Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, or his designee; the Attorney General of Virginia, or his 236 designee; the Superintendent of the Department of State Police; the Director of the Department of 237 Corrections; the Director of the Department of Youth and Family Services; the Superintendent of the 238 Department of Correctional Education; the Chairman of the Parole Board; and the Executive Secretary 239 of the Supreme Court of Virginia. In those instances in which the Executive Secretary of the Supreme 240 Court of Virginia, the Superintendent of the Department of State Police, the Director of the Department 241 of Corrections, the Director of the Department of Youth and Family Services, the Superintendent of the Department of Correctional Education, or the Chairman of the Parole Board will be unavoidably absent 242 243 from a board meeting, he may appoint a member of his staff to represent him at the meeting. Fifteen 244 members shall be appointed by the Governor from among residents of this Commonwealth who are

245 representative of the broad categories of state and local governments, criminal justice systems, and 246 law-enforcement agencies, including but not limited to, police officials, sheriffs, attorneys for the 247 Commonwealth, defense counsel, the judiciary, correctional and rehabilitative activities, and other locally 248 elected and appointed administrative and legislative officials. Among these fifteen members there shall 249 be two sheriffs representing the Virginia State Sheriffs Association selected from among names 250 submitted by the Association; two representatives of the Chiefs of Police Association selected from 251 among names submitted by the Association; one attorney for the Commonwealth selected from among 252 names submitted by the Association for Commonwealth's Attorneys; one person who is a mayor, city or 253 town manager, or member of a city or town council representing the Virginia Municipal League selected 254 from among names submitted by the League; one person who is a county executive, manager, or 255 member of a county board of supervisors representing the Virginia Association of Counties selected 256 from among names submitted by the Association; one member representing the Virginia Crime 257 Prevention Association selected from among names submitted by the Association; one member of the Private Security Services Advisory Board; and one representative of the Virginia Association of 258 259 Regional Jail Superintendents selected from among names submitted by the Association. Four members of the Board shall be members of the General Assembly appointed by the chairmen of legislative 260 261 committees as follows: one member of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Delegates; one 262 member of the Committee on Finance of the Senate; one member of the Committee for Courts of Justice 263 of the House of Delegates, and one member of the Committee for Courts of Justice of the Senate. The 264 legislative members shall serve for the terms for which they were elected and shall serve as ex officio 265 members without a vote.

266 B. There is further created a permanent Committee on Training under the Board which shall be the 267 policy-making body responsible to the Board for effecting the provisions of subdivisions 2 through 12 of 268 § 9-170. The Committee on Training shall be composed of twelve members of the Board as follows: the Superintendent of the Department of State Police; the Director of the Department of Corrections; the 269 270 member of the Private Security Services Advisory Board; the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court 271 of Virginia; the two sheriffs representing the Virginia State Sheriffs Association; the two representatives 272 of the Chiefs of Police Association; the attorney for the Commonwealth representing the Association for 273 Attorneys for the Commonwealth; the representative of the Virginia Municipal League; the 274 representative of the Virginia Association of Counties; and one member designated by the Chairman of 275 the Board from among the other appointments made by the Governor. The Committee on Training shall 276 annually elect its chairman from among its members.

277 C. There is further created a permanent Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice which shall have the 278 responsibility for advising and assisting the Board, the Department, all agencies, departments, boards and 279 institutions of the Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, on 280 matters related to the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency and the administration of juvenile 281 justice in the Commonwealth. The Advisory Committee shall consist of no less than fifteen and no more 282 than twenty-five members. The membership of the Advisory Committee shall include persons who have 283 training, experience or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile 284 delinquency or the administration of juvenile justice as set out below. Four ex officio members with 285 voting powers of the Advisory Committee shall be as follows: the Commissioner of the Department of 286 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; the Commissioner of the Department 287 of Social Services; the Director of the Department of Youth and Family Services; and the 288 Superintendent of Public Instruction. Two members shall be members from the General Assembly, 289 appointed by the chairmen of the following legislative committees: one member of the Senate 290 Committee for Courts of Justice and one member of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and 291 Institutions. The legislative members shall serve as ex officio members for the terms for which they 292 were elected. All other members shall be residents of the Commonwealth and be appointed by the 293 Governor for a term of four years, except that appointments to terms commencing on July 1, 1991, shall 294 be as outlined below. Five members, appointed for four-year terms, shall include: two members from the 295 Criminal Justice Services Board; one member with expertise in juvenile services; one member 296 representing community-based delinquency prevention or treatment programs; and one member who is 297 under the age of twenty-four at the time of appointment. Six members shall be appointed for three-year 298 terms and shall include one juvenile and domestic relations district court judge; one member who is a 299 representative of local law enforcement; one member who is a local city or county administrator; one 300 member who is a member of the Virginia State Bar; and two members who are under the age of 301 twenty-four at the time of appointment. Six members, appointed for two-year terms, shall include one 302 member who is employed in a private organization with a special focus on maintaining and 303 strengthening the family unit; one member who works as a volunteer with delinquents or potential delinquents; one member who is now or formerly has been under the jurisdiction of the Virginia 304 305 juvenile justice system; one member who is an employee of a local juvenile and domestic relations

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313 1. To review the operation of the juvenile justice system in the Commonwealth, including facilities 314 and programs, and prepare appropriate reports;

315 2. To review statewide plans, conduct studies, and make recommendations on needs and priorities for 316 the development and improvement of the juvenile justice system in the Commonwealth; and

317 3. To advise on all matters related to the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 318 1974 (P.L. 93-415, as amended), and recommend such actions on behalf of the Commonwealth as may 319 seem desirable to secure benefits of that or other federal programs for delinquency prevention or the 320 administration of juvenile justice.

321 Each administrative entity or collegial body within the executive branch of the state government as 322 may be requested to do so shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee as it carries out its 323 responsibilities.

324 D. The members of the Board and Advisory Committee appointed by the Governor shall serve for 325 terms of four years, provided that no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or 326 employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment. Appointed members of the 327 Board and Advisory Committee shall not be eligible to serve as such for more than two consecutive full 328 terms. Three or more years within a four-year period shall be deemed a full term. Any vacancy on the 329 Board and Advisory Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for 330 the unexpired term.

331 E. The Governor shall appoint a Chairman of the Board, and the Board shall designate one or more 332 vice-chairmen from among its members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

333 F. Notwithstanding any provision of any statute, ordinance, local law, or charter provision to the contrary, membership on the Board shall not disqualify any member from holding any other public 334 335 office or employment, or cause the forfeiture thereof.

336 G. Members of the Board and Advisory Committee shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any actual expenses incurred as a necessary incident to such service and to receive such compensation as 337 338 is provided in § 2.1-20.3.

339 H. The Board and Advisory Committee shall each hold no less than four regular meetings a year. 340 Subject to the requirements of this subsection, the respective Chairman shall fix the times and places of meetings, either on his own motion or upon written request of any five members of the Board or 341 342 Advisory Committee. 343

I. The Board and Advisory Committee may adopt bylaws for their operation.

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380 B. There is further created a permanent Committee on Training under the Board which shall be the 381 policy-making body responsible to the Board for effecting the provisions of subdivisions 2 through 12 of 382 § 9-170. The Committee on Training shall be composed of twelve members of the Board as follows: the 383 Superintendent of the Department of State Police; the Director of the Department of Corrections; the 384 member of the Private Security Services Advisory Board; the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court 385 of Virginia; the two sheriffs representing the Virginia State Sheriffs Association; the two representatives 386 of the Chiefs of Police Association; the attorney for the Commonwealth representing the Association for 387 Attorneys for the Commonwealth; the representative of the Virginia Municipal League; the 388 representative of the Virginia Association of Counties; and one member designated by the Chairman of the Board from among the other appointments made by the Governor. The Committee on Training shall 389 390 annually elect its chairman from among its members.

391 C. There is further created a permanent Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice which shall have the 392 responsibility for advising and assisting the Board, the Department, all agencies, departments, boards and 393 institutions of the Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, on 394 matters related to the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency and the administration of juvenile 395 justice in the Commonwealth. The Advisory Committee shall consist of no less than fifteen and no more 396 than twenty-five members. The membership of the Advisory Committee shall include persons who have 397 training, experience or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile 398 delinquency or the administration of juvenile justice as set out below. Four ex officio members with 399 voting powers of the Advisory Committee shall be as follows: the Commissioner of the Department of 400 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; the Commissioner of the Department 401 of Social Services; the Director of the Department of Youth and Family Services; and the 402 Superintendent of Public Instruction. Two members shall be members from the General Assembly, 403 appointed by the chairmen of the following legislative committees: one member of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice and one member of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and **404** 405 Institutions. The legislative members shall serve as ex officio members for the terms for which they 406 were elected. All other members shall be residents of the Commonwealth and be appointed by the 407 Governor for a term of four years, except that appointments to terms commencing on July 1, 1991, shall 408 be as outlined below. Five members, appointed for four-year terms, shall include: two members from the 409 Criminal Justice Services Board; one member with expertise in juvenile services; one member 410 representing community-based delinquency prevention or treatment programs; and one member who is 411 under the age of twenty-four at the time of appointment. Six members shall be appointed for three-year 412 terms and shall include one family court judge; one member who is a representative of local law 413 enforcement; one member who is a local city or county administrator; one member who is a member of 414 the Virginia State Bar; and two members who are under the age of twenty-four at the time of 415 appointment. Six members, appointed for two-year terms, shall include one member who is employed in 416 a private organization with a special focus on maintaining and strengthening the family unit; one member who works as a volunteer with delinquents or potential delinquents; one member who is now or 417 418 formerly has been under the jurisdiction of the Virginia juvenile justice system; one member who is an 419 employee of a local family court service unit juvenile probation and parole office; one member who is a 420 representative of business groups or businesses employing youth; and one member who represents 421 organizations concerned with the quality of juvenile justice, education or social services for children. 422 The majority of the Advisory Committee shall be private citizens and at least three members of the 423 Advisory Committee, including two private citizens shall also be members of the Board. The Advisory 424 Committee shall elect its chairman from among its members. The Advisory Committee shall have the 425 following specific duties and responsibilities:

426 1. To review the operation of the juvenile justice system in the Commonwealth, including facilities427 and programs, and prepare appropriate reports;

428 2. To review statewide plans, conduct studies, and make recommendations on needs and priorities for

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429 the development and improvement of the juvenile justice system in the Commonwealth; and

430 3. To advise on all matters related to the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 431 1974 (P.L. 93-415, as amended), and recommend such actions on behalf of the Commonwealth as may

432 seem desirable to secure benefits of that or other federal programs for delinquency prevention or the 433 administration of juvenile justice.

Each administrative entity or collegial body within the executive branch of the state government as 434 435 may be requested to do so shall cooperate with the Advisory Committee as it carries out its 436 responsibilities.

437 D. The members of the Board and Advisory Committee appointed by the Governor shall serve for 438 terms of four years, provided that no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or 439 employment by reason of which he was initially eligible for appointment. Appointed members of the Board and Advisory Committee shall not be eligible to serve as such for more than two consecutive full 440 441 terms. Three or more years within a four-year period shall be deemed a full term. Any vacancy on the Board and Advisory Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for 442 443 the unexpired term.

444 E. The Governor shall appoint a Chairman of the Board, and the Board shall designate one or more 445 vice-chairmen from among its members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

F. Notwithstanding any provision of any statute, ordinance, local law, or charter provision to the 446 447 contrary, membership on the Board shall not disqualify any member from holding any other public 448 office or employment, or cause the forfeiture thereof.

449 G. Members of the Board and Advisory Committee shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for 450 any actual expenses incurred as a necessary incident to such service and to receive such compensation as 451 is provided in  $\S$  2.1-20.3.

H. The Board and Advisory Committee shall each hold no less than four regular meetings a year. 452 453 Subject to the requirements of this subsection, the respective Chairman shall fix the times and places of 454 meetings, either on his own motion or upon written request of any five members of the Board or 455 Advisory Committee. 456

I. The Board and Advisory Committee may adopt bylaws for their operation.

§ 16.1-224. Data submissions by juvenile probation and parole offices.

458 A. All court service units juvenile probation and parole offices serving juvenile and domestic 459 relations district courts shall make data submissions to the Virginia Juvenile Justice Information System 460 of any persons referred to an intake officer of a court service unit juvenile probation and parole office 461 pursuant to § 16.1-260, except that no data submission shall be required for a juvenile charged with a 462 traffic infraction as defined in § 46.2-100.

B. In the case of a juvenile who is alleged to be delinquent and who is referred to a <del>court service</del> 463 unit juvenile probation and parole office pursuant to § 16.1-260, the data submissions required by 464 465 subsection A of this section shall contain the name, date of birth and, if any, the social security number 466 of the juvenile before the court. The data submissions concerning all other children coming before a juvenile and domestic relations district court, except those charged with traffic infractions, may in 467 accordance with standards adopted by the Department of Youth and Family Services, contain 468 469 information identifying the child.

470 C. The court service unit juvenile probation and parole office shall make a data submission to the 471 Virginia Juvenile Justice Information System of the final disposition of each case reported to the 472 System. When the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office reports a disposition of a case 473 which is other than a finding of guilty, the name and other personal identification of the juvenile shall be deleted from the data submissions required by subsection B of this section and from the report of 474 475 final disposition required by this subsection.

§ 16.1-224. (Delayed effective date) Data submissions by juvenile probation and parole offices.

477 A. All court service units juvenile probation and parole offices serving family courts shall make data submissions to the Virginia Juvenile Justice Information System of any persons referred to an intake 478 479 officer of a court service unit juvenile probation and parole office pursuant to § 16.1-260, except that no 480 data submission shall be required for a juvenile charged with a traffic infraction as defined in **481** § 46.2-100.

482 B. In the case of a juvenile who is alleged to be delinquent and who is referred to a court service 483 unit juvenile probation and parole office pursuant to § 16.1-260, the data submissions required by 484 subsection A of this section shall contain the name, date of birth and, if any, the social security number 485 of the juvenile before the court. The data submissions concerning all other children coming before a 486 family court, except those charged with traffic infractions, may in accordance with standards adopted by **487** the Department of Youth and Family Services, contain information identifying the child.

488 C. The court service unit juvenile probation and parole office shall make a data submission to the 489 Virginia Juvenile Justice Information System of the final disposition of each case reported to the 490 System. When the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office reports a disposition of a case 491 which is other than a finding of guilty, the name and other personal identification of the juvenile shall492 be deleted from the data submissions required by subsection B of this section and from the report of493 final disposition required by this subsection.

**494** § 16.1-233. Department to develop probation and parole offices; appointment and removal of **495** employees; salaries.

496 A. Within funds appropriated for the purpose, it shall be a function of the Department to develop and 497 operate, except as hereinafter provided, probation and other court parole services for juvenile and **498** domestic relations district courts in order that all children juveniles coming within the jurisdiction of 499 such courts throughout the Commonwealth shall receive the fullest protection of the court. To this end the Director is empowered to establish court services units juvenile probation and parole offices in his 500 501 department. The Director shall appoint such employees as he may find to be necessary to carry out 502 properly the responsibilities of the Department relative to the development, supervision and operation of 503 probation and other court parole services throughout the Commonwealth as set forth in this chapter.

504 B. The salaries of the persons employed pursuant to this section shall be paid out of funds 505 appropriated for such purpose to the Department of Youth and Family Services. The Director and such 506 employees as he may find necessary to carry out properly the responsibilities of the Department pursuant 507 to subsection A of this section shall have access to all probation *and parole* offices, other social services 508 and to their records.

509 C. The State Board shall establish minimum standards for court service staffs juvenile probation and 510 *parole offices* and related supportive personnel and promulgate regulations pertaining to their 511 appointment and function to the end that uniform services, insofar as is practical, will be available to 512 juvenile and domestic relations district courts throughout the Commonwealth. In counties or cities now 513 served by regional juvenile and domestic relations courts or where specialized court service units 514 juvenile probation and parole offices are not provided, and in any county or city which provided 515 specialized services on June 30, 1973, that requests the development of a court service unit juvenile 516 probation and parole office, appointment to positions in such units shall be based on merit as provided 517 in Chapter 10 (§ 2.1-110 et seq.) of Title 2.1.

D. No person shall be assigned to or discharged from the state-operated court service staff of a 518 519 juvenile and domestic relations district court except as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 2.1, nor without 520 the prior mutual approval of the judge thereof and the Director. However, the chief judge of any such 521 court shall be empowered, for good cause, after due notice and opportunity to be heard, to order the 522 transfer of any person from the court service staff of his court, and the Director shall likewise be 523 empowered to order such transfer or separation subject only to the limitations of Chapter 10 of Title 2.1. 524 § 16.1-233. (Delayed effective date) Department to develop probation and parole offices; appointment 525 and removal of employees; salaries.

526 A. Within funds appropriated for the purpose, it shall be a function of the Department to develop and 527 operate, except as hereinafter provided, probation and other court parole services for family courts in 528 order that all children juveniles coming within the jurisdiction of such courts throughout the 529 Commonwealth shall receive the fullest protection of the court. To this end the Director is empowered 530 to establish court services units juvenile probation and parole offices in his department. The Director shall appoint such employees as he may find to be necessary to carry out properly the responsibilities of 531 532 the Department relative to the development, supervision and operation of probation and other court 533 *parole* services throughout the Commonwealth as set forth in this chapter.

B. The salaries of the persons employed pursuant to this section shall be paid out of funds appropriated for such purpose to the Department of Youth and Family Services. The Director and such employees as he may find necessary to carry out properly the responsibilities of the Department pursuant to subsection A of this section shall have access to all probation *and parole* offices, other social services and to their records.

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548 D. No person shall be assigned to or discharged from the state-operated court service staff of a 549 family court except as provided in Chapter 10 of Title 2.1, nor without the prior mutual approval of the 550 judge thereof and the Director. However, the chief judge of any such court shall be empowered, for 551 good cause, after due notice and opportunity to be heard, to order the transfer of any person from the 552 court service staff juvenile probation and parole office of his court, and the Director shall likewise be

statistic empowered to order such transfer or separation subject only to the limitations of Chapter 10 of Title 2.1.
§ 16.1-234. Duties of Department; provision of quarters, utilities, and office equipment to juvenile
probation and parole office.

556 The Director shall cause the Department to study the conditions existing in the several cities and 557 counties, to confer with the judges of the juvenile and domestic relations district courts, the 558 superintendents and boards of public welfare, and other appropriate officials, as the case may be, and to 559 plan, establish and operate unless otherwise provided an adequate and coordinated program of probation 560 and related services to all juvenile and domestic relations district courts in counties or cities heretofore 561 served by regional juvenile and domestic relations courts, and where specialized probation and related court services are not being provided as of July 1, 1973, and to counties and cities which request a 562 development of a court service unit juvenile probation and parole office with the approval of the 563 564 governing bodies after consultation with the chief juvenile and domestic relations district court judge.

565 In each county and city in which there is located an office for a state juvenile and domestic relations district court service unit juvenile probation and parole office such jurisdiction shall provide suitable 566 quarters and utilities, including telephone service, for such court service unit juvenile probation and 567 *parole office* staff. Such county or city shall also provide all necessary furniture and furnishings for the 568 569 efficient operation of the unit. When such court service unit juvenile probation and parole office serves 570 counties or cities in addition to the county or city where the office is located, the jurisdiction or 571 jurisdictions so served shall share proportionately, based on the population of the jurisdictions, in the 572 cost of the quarters and utilities, including telephone service and necessary furniture and furnishings. All 573 other office equipment and supplies, including postage, shall be furnished by the Commonwealth and 574 shall be paid out of the appropriation for criminal charges.

575 In counties and cities providing specialized court service programs prior to July 1, 1973, which do 576 not request the development of a state-operated court service unitjuvenile probation and parole office, it 577 shall be the duty of the Department to insure that minimum standards established by the State Board are 578 adhered to, to confer with the judges of the juvenile and domestic relations district court and other 579 appropriate officials as the case may be, and to assist in the continued development and extension of an 580 adequate and coordinated program of court services, probation and detention facilities and other 581 specialized services and facilities to such juvenile and domestic relations district courts.

582 § 16.1-234. (Delayed effective date) Duties of Department; provision of quarters, utilities, and office
583 equipment to juvenile probation and parole office.

584 The Director shall cause the Department to study the conditions existing in the several cities and 585 counties, to confer with the judges of the family courts, the superintendents and boards of public welfare, and other appropriate officials, as the case may be, and to plan, establish and operate unless 586 587 otherwise provided an adequate and coordinated program of probation and related services to all family 588 courts in counties or cities heretofore served by regional juvenile and domestic relations courts, and 589 where specialized probation and related court services were not being provided as of July 1, 1973, and 590 to counties and cities which request a development of a court service unit juvenile probation and parole 591 office with the approval of the governing bodies after consultation with the chief family court judge.

592 In each county and city in which there is located an office for a state family court service unit 593 juvenile probation and parole office such jurisdiction shall provide suitable quarters and utilities, 594 including telephone service, for such court service unit juvenile probation and parole office staff. Such 595 county or city shall also provide all necessary furniture and furnishings for the efficient operation of the 596 unit. When such court service unit juvenile probation and parole office serves counties or cities in 597 addition to the county or city where the office is located, the jurisdiction or jurisdictions so served shall 598 share proportionately, based on the population of the jurisdictions, in the cost of the quarters and 599 utilities, including telephone service and necessary furniture and furnishings. All other office equipment 600 and supplies, including postage, shall be furnished by the Commonwealth and shall be paid out of the 601 appropriation for criminal charges.

602 In counties and cities providing specialized court service programs prior to July 1, 1973, which do 603 not request the development of a state-operated court service unit juvenile probation and parole office, 604 it shall be the duty of the Department to ensure that minimum standards established by the State Board 605 are adhered to, to confer with the judges of the family court and other appropriate officials as the case 606 may be, and to assist in the continued development and extension of an adequate and coordinated 607 program of court services, probation and detention facilities and other specialized services and facilities 608 to such family courts.

**609** § 16.1-235. How intake, probation and parole services provided.

610 Probation Intake, probation and related court parole services shall be provided through the following 611 means:

612 A. State court service units juvenile probation and parole offices. - The Department shall develop 613 and operate *intake*, probation and related court parole services in counties or cities heretofore served by 614 regional juvenile and domestic relations district courts and where specialized probation and related court services are not being provided as of July 1, 1973, and make such services available to juvenile and 615 616 domestic relations district courts, as required by this chapter and by regulations established by the Board. All other counties or cities may request the development of a state-operated court service unit 617 618 juvenile probation and parole office with the approval of their governing bodies after consultation with 619 the chief judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court of such jurisdiction. In counties or 620 cities now served by regional juvenile and domestic relations district courts and where specialized 621 probation and related court services are not being provided as of July 1, 1973, the judge or judges of 622 the juvenile and domestic relations district court may from a list of eligibles certified by the Director 623 appoint one or more suitable persons as probation officers and related court service personnel in 624 accordance with established qualifications and regulations.

B. Local units juvenile probation and parole offices. - In counties and cities providing specialized court services as of July 1, 1973, who do not request the development of a state-operated court service unit juvenile probation and parole office, the chief judge or judges of the juvenile and domestic relations district court may, from a list of eligibles certified by the Director or by the governing body or bodies of the district appoint one or more suitable persons as probation officers and related court service personnel in accordance with established qualifications and regulations and shall develop and operate probation, detention and related court services.

**632** § 16.1-235. (Delayed effective date) How intake, probation and parole services provided.

633 Probation Intake, probation and related court parole services shall be provided through the following 634 means:

635 A. State court service units juvenile probation and parole offices. - The Department shall develop 636 and operate *intake*, probation and related court *parole* services in counties or cities heretofore served by 637 regional juvenile and domestic relations district courts and where specialized probation and related court services are not being provided as of July 1, 1973, and make such services available to family courts, as 638 639 required by this chapter and by regulations established by the Board. All other counties or cities may 640 request the development of a state-operated court service unit juvenile probation and parole office with 641 the approval of their governing bodies after consultation with the chief judge of the family court of such 642 jurisdiction.

B. Local units juvenile probation and parole offices. - In counties and cities providing specialized
court services as of July 1, 1973, who do not request the development of a state-operated court service
unit juvenile probation and parole office, the chief judge or judges of the family court may, from a list
of eligibles certified by the Director or by the governing body or bodies of the district appoint one or
more suitable persons as probation officers and related court service personnel in accordance with
established qualifications and regulations and shall develop and operate probation, detention and related
court services.

**650** § 16.1-236. Supervisory officers.

651 In any court where more than one probation officer or other court services staff has been appointed
652 under the provisions of this law, one or more probation officers may be designated to serve in a
653 supervisory position by the chief judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court.

654 The transfer or demotion of supervisory officers of state court service units juvenile probation and 655 parole offices shall be made only for good cause shown, in accordance with Chapter 10 (§ 2.1-110 et 656 seq.) of Title 2.1. The transfer or demotion of supervisory officers of local court service units juvenile 657 probation and parole offices shall be made only for good cause shown, after due notice and opportunity 658 to be heard.

**659** § 16.1-236. (Delayed effective date) Supervisory officers.

In any court where more than one probation officer or other court services staff has been appointed
 under the provisions of this law, one or more probation officers may be designated to serve in a
 supervisory position by the chief judge of the family court.

663 The transfer or demotion of supervisory officers of state court service units juvenile probation and 664 parole offices shall be made only for good cause shown, in accordance with Chapter 10 (§ 2.1-110 et 665 seq.) of Title 2.1. The transfer or demotion of supervisory officers of local court service units juvenile 666 probation and parole offices shall be made only for good cause shown, after due notice and opportunity 667 to be heard.

**668** § 16.1-237. Powers, duties and functions of probation officer.

669 In addition to any other powers and duties imposed by this law, a probation officer appointed 670 hereunder shall:

671 A. Investigate all cases referred to him by the judge or any person designated so to do, and shall 672 render reports of such investigation as required;

673 B. Supervise such persons as are placed under his supervision and shall keep informed concerning 674 the conduct and condition of every person under his supervision by visiting, requiring reports and in

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675 other ways, and shall report thereon as required;

676 C. Under the general supervision of the director of the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office, investigate complaints and accept for informal supervision cases wherein such handling 677 678 would best serve the interests of all concerned;

679 D. Use all suitable methods not inconsistent with conditions imposed by the court to aid and 680 encourage persons on probation and to bring about improvement in their conduct and condition;

681 E. Furnish to each person placed on probation a written statement of the conditions of his probation **682** and instruct him regarding the same;

683 F. Keep records of his work and perform such other duties as the judge or other person designated **684** by him or the Director shall require;

685 G. Have the authority to administer oaths and take acknowledgements for the purposes of §§ 16.1-259 and 16.1-260 to facilitate the processes of intake and petition; and 686

687 H. Have the powers of arrest of a police officer and the power to carry a concealed weapon when 688 specifically so authorized by the judge.

689 § 16.1-238. Compensation of probation officers and related personnel; reimbursement; traveling and 690 other expenses.

691 The compensation of probation officers and other court service staff members of the juvenile **692** probation and parole office appointed in accordance with § 16.1-235 B shall be fixed by the governing 693 body of the city or county in which they serve, in accordance with minimum standards prescribed by the **694** State Board. They shall be paid out of the county or city treasury. One-half of such compensation shall 695 be reimbursed to any city or county complying with the minimum standards set by the State Board from funds appropriated to the Department. Any funds from the Department of Criminal Justice Services or 696 from other public fund sources outside of the provisions of this law which are used in compensating 697 698 such personnel shall not be considered state funds.

699 Compensation of all other probation officers and related court service juvenile probation and parole 700 office personnel appointed in accordance with § 16.1-235 A shall be fixed in accordance with Chapter 10 701 (§ 2.1-110 et seq.) of Title 2.1. Personnel transferred from local and regional court probation and 702 *parole* staffs shall suffer no reduction in pay and shall transfer into the state program all accrued leave 703 and other benefits allowable under Chapter 10 of Title 2.1. Probation officers and related court service

704 juvenile probation and parole office personnel appointed in accordance with § 16.1-235 A shall be paid 705 necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

706 The salary and expenses provided for personnel appointed in accordance with § 16.1-235 A shall be 707 paid by the Commonwealth, and no part shall be paid by or chargeable to any county or city. The 708 governing body of any county or city, however, may add to the compensation of such personnel such an 709 amount as the governing body may appropriate not to exceed fifty percent of the amount paid by the 710 Commonwealth. No such additional amount paid by a local governing body shall be chargeable to the 711 Department of Youth and Family Services nor shall it remove or supersede any authority, control or 712 supervision of the Department.

§ 16.1-239. Payment of traveling expenses of court officers; reimbursement.

714 In counties and cities providing specialized court service programs prior to July 1, 1973, as provided 715 in §§ 16.1-234 and 16.1-235, and under the rules of the Department the traveling expenses incurred by a716 probation officer, court service an officer of the juvenile probation and parole office or other officer of 717 the court when traveling under the order of the judge, shall be paid out of the county or city treasury. One-half of such expenses shall be reimbursed to the city or county by the Department out of funds 718 719 appropriated for such purposes. 720

§ 16.1-240. Citizens advisory council.

721 A. The governing bodies of each county and city served by a court service unit juvenile probation 722 and parole office may appoint one or more members to a citizens advisory council, in total not to 723 exceed fifteen members; and the chief judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court may 724 appoint one or more members to the advisory council, in total not to exceed five members. The duties 725 of the council shall be as follows:

726 1. To advise and cooperate with the court upon all matters affecting the working of this law and 727 other laws relating to children, their care and protection and to domestic relations;

728 2. To consult and confer with the court and director of the court service unit juvenile probation and 729 *parole office* from time to time relative to the development and extension of the court service juvenile 730 probation and parole program;

731 3. To encourage the member selected by the council to serve on the central advisory council to visit, 732 as often as the member conveniently can, institutions and associations receiving children under this law, 733 and to report to the court from time to time and at least annually in its report made pursuant to 734 subdivision 5 hereof the conditions and surroundings of the children received by or in charge of any such persons, institutions or associations; 735

736 4. To make themselves familiar with the work of the court under this law;

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737 5. To make an annual report to the court and the participating governing bodies on the work of the 738 council.

739 B. Traveling expenses of the members of the citizens advisory council shall be paid from funds 740 appropriated to the Department of Youth and Family Services in accordance with rules and regulations 741 adopted by the State Board.

742 C. If the governing body does not exercise its option to appoint a citizens advisory council pursuant 743 to subsection A of this section, the judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court may 744 appoint an advisory board of citizens, not to exceed fifteen members, who shall perform the same duties 745 as provided in this section.

746 D. One member selected by each citizens advisory council shall serve on a central advisory council 747 to consult and confer with the Director and other appropriate staff of the Department to assist in 748 carrying out the objectives of the court service probation and parole program, insofar as possible. 749

§ 16.1-240. (Delayed effective date) Citizens advisory council.

750 A. The governing bodies of each county and city served by a court service unit juvenile probation 751 and parole office may appoint one or more members to a citizens advisory council, in total not to 752 exceed fifteen members; and the chief judge of the family court may appoint one or more members to the advisory council, in total not to exceed five members. The duties of the council shall be as follows: 753

754 1. To advise and cooperate with the court upon all matters affecting the working of this law and 755 other laws relating to children, their care and protection and to domestic relations;

756 2. To consult and confer with the court and director of the court service unit juvenile probation and 757 *parole office* from time to time relative to the development and extension of the court service *juvenile* 758 probation and parole program;

759 3. To encourage the member selected by the council to serve on the central advisory council to visit, 760 as often as the member conveniently can, institutions and associations receiving children under this law, and to report to the court from time to time and at least annually in its report made pursuant to 761 subdivision 5 hereof the conditions and surroundings of the children received by or in charge of any 762 763 such persons, institutions or associations; 764

4. To make themselves familiar with the work of the court under this law;

765 5. To make an annual report to the court and the participating governing bodies on the work of the 766 council.

767 B. Traveling expenses of the members of the citizens advisory council shall be paid from funds 768 appropriated to the Department of Youth and Family Services in accordance with rules and regulations 769 adopted by the State Board.

770 C. If the governing body does not exercise its option to appoint a citizens advisory council pursuant 771 to subsection A of this section, the judge of the family court may appoint an advisory board of citizens, 772 not to exceed fifteen members, who shall perform the same duties as provided in this section.

773 D. One member selected by each citizens advisory council shall serve on a central advisory council 774 to consult and confer with the Director and other appropriate staff of the Department to assist in 775 carrying out the objectives of the court service probation and parole program, insofar as possible. 776

§ 16.1-254. Responsibility for and limitation on transportation of juveniles.

777 A. The detention home having custody or responsibility for supervision of a child juvenile pursuant 778 to §§ 16.1-246, 16.1-247, 16.1-248.1, 16.1-249, and 16.1-250 shall be responsible for transportation of 779 the child *juvenile* to all local medical appointments, dental appointments, psychological and psychiatric 780 evaluations. Transportation of youth to special placements pursuant to § 16.1-286 shall be the 781 responsibility of the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office.

782 B. However, the chief judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court, on the basis of 783 guidelines approved by the Board, shall designate the appropriate agencies in each county, city and 784 town, other than the Department of State Police, to be responsible for (i) the transportation of violent 785 and disruptive children juveniles and (ii) the transportation of children juveniles to destinations other 786 than those set forth in subsection A of this section, pursuant to §§ 16.1-246, 16.1-247, 16.1-248.1, 787 16.1-249, and 16.1-250, and as otherwise ordered by the judge. 788

No child juvenile shall be transported with adults suspected of or charged with criminal acts.

789 § 16.1-254. (Delayed effective date) Responsibility for and limitation on transportation of juveniles.

790 A. The detention home having custody or responsibility for supervision of a child juvenile pursuant to §§ 16.1-246, 16.1-247, 16.1-248.1, 16.1-249, and 16.1-250 shall be responsible for transportation of 791 the child juvenile to all local medical appointments, dental appointments, psychological and psychiatric 792 793 evaluations. Transportation of youth to special placements pursuant to § 16.1-286 shall be the 794 responsibility of the court service unitjuvenile probation and parole office .

795 B. However, the chief judge of the family court, on the basis of guidelines approved by the Board, 796 shall designate the appropriate agencies in each county, city and town, other than the Department of 797 State Police, to be responsible for (i) the transportation of violent and disruptive children juveniles and 798 (ii) the transportation of children *juveniles* to destinations other than those set forth in subsection A of 799 this section, pursuant to §§ 16.1-246, 16.1-247, 16.1-248.1, 16.1-249, and 16.1-250, and as otherwise 800 ordered by the judge.

801 No ehild *juvenile* shall be transported with adults suspected of or charged with criminal acts.

802 § 16.1-255. Limitation on issuance of detention orders for juveniles.

803 No detention order shall be issued for any child *juvenile* except when authorized by the judge or 804 "intake officer" of a juvenile court.

805 In matters involving the issuance of detention orders, each state or local court service unit juvenile 806 probation and parole office shall ensure the capability of a prompt response by an intake officer who is 807 either on duty or on call. 808

§ 16.1-255. (Delayed effective date) Limitation on issuance of detention orders for juveniles.

809 No detention order shall be issued for any child *juvenile* except when authorized by the judge or 810 "intake officer" of a family court.

811 In matters involving the issuance of detention orders, each state or local court service unit juvenile 812 probation and parole office shall ensure the capability of a prompt response by an intake officer who is 813 either on duty or on call.

§ 16.1-260. Intake; petition; investigation. 814

A. All matters alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced by the filing of 815 816 a petition, except as provided in subsection F of this section and in § 16.1-259. The form and content of 817 the petition shall be as provided in § 16.1-262. No individual shall be required to obtain support services 818 from the Department of Social Services prior to filing a petition seeking support for a child. Complaints, 819 requests and the processing of petitions to initiate a case shall be the responsibility of the intake officer. 820 However, (i) the attorney for the Commonwealth of the city or county may file a petition on his own motion with the clerk, (ii) the Department of Social Services may file support petitions on its own 821 motion with the clerk, and (iii) any attorney may file petitions on behalf of his client with the clerk 822 except petitions alleging that the subject of the petition is a child alleged to be in need of services, in 823 824 need of supervision or delinquent. Complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child shall be referred 825 initially to the local department of public welfare or social services in accordance with the provisions of 826 Chapter 12.1 (§ 63.1-248.1 et seq.) of Title 63.1. Motions and other subsequent pleadings in a case shall be filed directly with the clerk. The intake officer or clerk with whom the petition or motion is filed 827 828 shall inquire whether the petitioner is receiving child support services or public assistance. No individual 829 who is receiving support services or public assistance shall be denied the right to file a petition or 830 motion to establish, modify or enforce an order for support of a child. If the petitioner is seeking or 831 receiving child support services or public assistance, the clerk, upon issuance of process, shall forward a 832 copy of the petition or motion together with notice of the court date to the Division of Child Support 833 Enforcement.

834 B. When the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office of any court receives a complaint 835 alleging facts which may be sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, the 836 unit office, through an intake officer, may proceed informally to make such adjustment as is practicable 837 without the filing of a petition or may authorize a petition to be filed by any complainant having 838 sufficient knowledge of the matter to establish probable cause for the issuance of the petition. The intake 839 officer shall accept and file a petition in which it is alleged that (i) the custody, visitation or support of 840 a child is the subject of controversy or requires determination, (ii) a person has deserted, abandoned or 841 failed to provide support for any person in violation of law, or (iii) a child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis is entitled to treatment, rehabilitation 842 843 or other services which are required by law. If any such complainant does not file a petition, the intake 844 officer may file it. In cases in which a child is alleged to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision or delinquent, if the intake officer believes that probable cause does not exist, or 845 846 that the authorization of a petition will not be in the best interest of the family or child or that the 847 matter may be effectively dealt with by some agency other than the court, he may refuse to authorize 848 the filing of a petition.

849 C. Prior to the filing of any petition alleging that a juvenile is in need of supervision, the matter 850 shall be reviewed by an intake officer who shall determine whether the petitioner and the juvenile 851 alleged to be in need of supervision have utilized or attempted to utilize treatment and services available 852 in the community and have exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available to them. 853 When the intake officer determines that the parties have not attempted to utilize available treatment or 854 services or have not exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available, he shall refer 855 the petitioner and the child alleged to be in need of supervision to the appropriate agency, treatment 856 facility or individual to receive treatment or services, and a petition shall not be filed. Only after the 857 intake officer determines that the parties have made a reasonable effort to utilize available community 858 treatment or services, may he permit the petition to be filed.

859 D. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense that if committed by an

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adult would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony, the complainant shall be notified in 860 861 writing at that time of the complainant's right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. If a magistrate 862 determines that probable cause exists, he shall issue a warrant returnable to the juvenile and domestic relations district court. The warrant shall be delivered forthwith to the juvenile court, and the intake 863 864 officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant. If the court is closed and the magistrate 865 finds that the criteria for detention or shelter care set forth in § 16.1-248.1 have been satisfied, the child 866 may be detained pursuant to the warrant issued in accordance with this subsection. If the intake officer 867 refuses to authorize a petition relating to a child in need of services or in need of supervision, a status 868 offense, or a misdemeanor other than Class 1, his decision is final.

869 Upon delivery to the juvenile court of a warrant issued pursuant to subdivision 3 of § 16.1-256, the870 intake officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant.

871 E. The intake officer shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth of the filing of any petition872 which alleges facts of an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

873 E1. After a petition is filed alleging that a juvenile committed an act which would be a crime if
874 committed by an adult, the intake officer shall, as soon as practicable, provide notice by telephone of
875 the filing of the petition and the nature of the offense to the superintendent of the school division in
876 which the petitioner alleges the juvenile is or should be enrolled, provided the violation involves:

877 1. The unlawful purchase, possession or use of a weapon pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.) of878 Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

**880** 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of **881** Title 18.2;

4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances,
pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter
7 of Title 18.2;
7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2; or

7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2; or 8. Burglary, pursuant to § 18.2-89.

889 Promptly after filing a petition the intake officer shall also mail notice, by first class mail, to the890 superintendent. The failure to provide information regarding the school in which the juvenile who is the891 subject of the petition may be enrolled shall not be grounds for refusing to file a petition.

892 The information provided to a division superintendent pursuant to this section may be disclosed only893 as provided in § 16.1-305.2.

**894** F. The filing of a petition shall not be necessary:

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895 1. In the case of violations of the traffic laws, including offenses involving bicycles, hitchhiking and 896 other pedestrian offenses, game and fish laws or a violation of the ordinance of any city regulating 897 surfing or any ordinance establishing curfew violations or animal control violations. In such cases the 898 court may proceed on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as 899 provided by law for adults. Additionally, an officer investigating a motor vehicle accident may, at the scene of the accident or at any other location where a juvenile who is involved in such an accident may be located, proceed on a summons in lieu of filing a petition.

902 2. In the case of seeking consent to apply for the issuance of a work permit pursuant to subdivision903 H of § 16.1-241.

904 3. In the case of a violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738, or the commission of any other 905 alcohol-related offense, provided the child is released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian 906 pending the initial court date. The officer releasing a child to the custody of a parent or legal guardian 907 shall issue a summons to the child and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or legal guardian 908 to appear before the court with the child. Disposition of the charge shall be in the manner provided in 909 § 16.1-278.8 or § 16.1-278.9. If the child so charged with a violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738 refuses 910 to provide a sample of blood or breath or samples of both blood and breath for chemical analysis 911 pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or § 29.1-738.2, the provisions of these sections shall be 912 followed except that the magistrate shall authorize execution of the warrant as a summons. The 913 summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the child, and a copy of the summons shall 914 be forwarded to the court in which the violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738 is to be tried.

4. In the case of offenses which, if committed by an adult would be punishable as Class 3 or Class 4
misdemeanor. In such cases the court may direct that an intake officer proceed as provided in § 16.1-237
on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as provided by law
for adults provided that notice of the summons to appear is mailed by the investigating officer within
five days of the issuance of the summons to a parent or legal guardian of the juvenile.

920 G. Failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this section shall not divest the juvenile court

**921** of the jurisdiction granted it in § 16.1-241.

**922** § 16.1-260. (Delayed effective date) Intake; petition; investigation.

923 A. All matters alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced by the filing of 924 a petition, except as provided in subsection F of this section and in § 16.1-259. The form and content of 925 the petition shall be as provided in § 16.1-262. No individual shall be required to obtain support services 926 from the Department of Social Services prior to filing a petition seeking support for a child. Complaints, 927 requests and the processing of petitions to initiate a case shall be the responsibility of the intake officer. 928 However, (i) the attorney for the Commonwealth of the city or county may file a petition on his own 929 motion with the clerk, (ii) the Department of Social Services may file support petitions on its own 930 motion with the clerk, and (iii) any attorney may file petitions on behalf of his client with the clerk except petitions alleging that the subject of the petition is a child alleged to be in need of services, in 931 need of supervision or delinquent. In addition, all cases for divorce, annulment or affirmation of 932 933 marriage, separate maintenance, equitable distribution based on a foreign decree, adoption, change of 934 name, amendment of a record of birth and judicial review of school board actions and of hearing officer 935 decisions shall be filed directly with the clerk. Complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child shall be 936 referred initially to the local department of public welfare or social services in accordance with the 937 provisions of Chapter 12.1 (§ 63.1-248.1 et seq.) of Title 63.1. Motions and other subsequent pleadings 938 in a case shall be filed directly with the clerk. The intake officer or clerk with whom the petition or 939 motion is filed shall inquire whether the petitioner is receiving child support services or public 940 assistance. No individual who is receiving support services or public assistance shall be denied the right 941 to file a petition or motion to establish, modify or enforce an order for support of a child. If the 942 petitioner is seeking or receiving child support services or public assistance, the clerk, upon issuance of 943 process, shall forward a copy of the petition or motion together with notice of the court date to the 944 Division of Child Support Enforcement.

945 B. When the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office of any court receives a complaint 946 alleging facts which may be sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, the 947 unit office, through an intake officer, may proceed informally to make such adjustment as is practicable 948 without the filing of a petition or may authorize a petition to be filed by any complainant having 949 sufficient knowledge of the matter to establish probable cause for the issuance of the petition. The intake 950 officer shall accept and file a petition in which it is alleged that (i) the custody, visitation or support of 951 a child is the subject of controversy or requires determination, (ii) a person has deserted, abandoned or 952 failed to provide support or separate maintenance for any person in violation of law, or (iii) a child or 953 such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis is entitled to 954 treatment, rehabilitation or other services which are required by law. If any such complainant does not 955 file a petition, the intake officer may file it. In cases in which a child is alleged to be abused, neglected, 956 in need of services, in need of supervision or delinquent, if the intake officer believes that probable 957 cause does not exist, or that the authorization of a petition will not be in the best interest of the family 958 or child or that the matter may be effectively dealt with by some agency other than the court, he may 959 refuse to authorize the filing of a petition.

960 C. Prior to the filing of any petition alleging that a juvenile is in need of supervision, the matter 961 shall be reviewed by an intake officer who shall determine whether the petitioner and the juvenile 962 alleged to be in need of supervision have utilized or attempted to utilize treatment and services available 963 in the community and have exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available to them. 964 When the intake officer determines that the parties have not attempted to utilize available treatment or 965 services or have not exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available, he shall refer the petitioner and the child alleged to be in need of supervision to the appropriate agency, treatment 966 967 facility or individual to receive treatment or services, and a petition shall not be filed. Only after the 968 intake officer determines that the parties have made a reasonable effort to utilize available community 969 treatment or services, may he permit the petition to be filed.

970 D. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense which if committed by an 971 adult would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony, the complainant shall be notified in 972 writing at that time of the complainant's right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. If a magistrate 973 determines that probable cause exists, he shall issue a warrant returnable to the family court. The 974 warrant shall be delivered forthwith to the family court, and the intake officer shall accept and file a 975 petition founded upon the warrant. If the court is closed and the magistrate finds that the criteria for 976 detention or shelter care set forth in § 16.1-248.1 have been satisfied, the child may be detained pursuant 977 to the warrant issued in accordance with this subsection. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a 978 petition relating to a child in need of services or in need of supervision, a status offense, or a 979 misdemeanor other than Class 1, his decision is final.

980 Upon delivery to the family court of a warrant issued pursuant to subdivision 3 of § 16.1-256, the981 intake officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant.

982 E. The intake officer shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth of the filing of any petition

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983 which alleges facts of an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

**984** E1. After a petition is filed alleging that a juvenile committed an act which would be a crime if 985 committed by an adult, the intake officer shall, as soon as practicable, provide notice by telephone of 986 the filing of the petition and the nature of the offense to the superintendent of the school division in 987 which the petitioner alleges the juvenile is or should be enrolled, provided the violation involves:

988 1. The unlawful purchase, possession or use of a weapon pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.) of 989 Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

990 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

991 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of 992 Title 18.2:

993 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances, 994 995 pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

996 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 997 7 of Title 18.2; **998** 

7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2; or 8. Burglary, pursuant to § 18.2-89.

1000 Promptly after filing a petition the intake officer shall also mail notice, by first class mail, to the 1001 superintendent. The failure to provide information regarding the school in which the juvenile who is the 1002 subject of the petition may be enrolled shall not be grounds for refusing to file a petition.

1003 The information provided to a division superintendent pursuant to this section may be disclosed only 1004 as provided in § 16.1-305.2. 1005

F. The filing of a petition shall not be necessary:

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1006 1. In the case of violations of the traffic laws, including offenses involving bicycles, hitchhiking and 1007 other pedestrian offenses, game and fish laws or a violation of the ordinance of any city regulating 1008 surfing or any ordinance establishing curfew violations or animal control violations. In such cases the 1009 court may proceed on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as 1010 provided by law for adults. Additionally, an officer investigating a motor vehicle accident may, at the 1011 scene of the accident or at any other location where a juvenile who is involved in such an accident may 1012 be located, proceed on a summons in lieu of filing a petition.

1013 2. In the case of seeking consent to apply for the issuance of a work permit pursuant to subdivision 1014 H of § 16.1-241.

1015 3. In the case of a violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738, or the commission of any other 1016 alcohol-related offense, provided the child is released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian 1017 pending the initial court date. The officer releasing a child to the custody of a parent or legal guardian 1018 shall issue a summons to the child and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or legal guardian 1019 to appear before the court with the child. Disposition of the charge shall be in the manner provided in 1020 § 16.1-278.8 or § 16.1-278.9. If the child so charged with a violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738 refuses 1021 to provide a sample of blood or breath or samples of both blood and breath for chemical analysis 1022 pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or § 29.1-738.2, the provisions of these sections shall be 1023 followed except that the magistrate shall authorize execution of the warrant as a summons. The 1024 summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the child, and a copy of the summons shall 1025 be forwarded to the court in which the violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738 is to be tried.

1026 4. In cases of divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance, equitable 1027 distribution based on a foreign decree, and judicial review of school board actions and of hearing officer 1028 decisions.

1029 5. In the case of offenses which, if committed by an adult would be punishable as Class 3 or Class 4 1030 misdemeanor. In such cases the court may direct that an intake officer proceed as provided in § 16.1-237 1031 on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as provided by law 1032 for adults provided that notice of the summons to appear is mailed by the investigating officer within 1033 five days of the issuance of the summons to a parent or legal guardian of the juvenile.

1034 G. Failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this section shall not divest the family court of 1035 the jurisdiction granted it in § 16.1-241.

1036 § 16.1-267. Compensation of appointed counsel.

1037 A. When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 A and, after an 1038 investigation by the court services unit juvenile probation and parole office, finds that the parents are 1039 financially able to pay for the attorney and refuse to do so, the court shall assess costs against the parent 1040 for such legal services in the amount awarded the attorney by the court under the circumstances of the 1041 case, considering such factors as the ability of the parents to pay and the nature and extent of the counsel's duties in the case. Such amount shall not exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the 1042 maximum amount specified in subdivision (1) of § 19.2-163 if the action is in district court. 1043

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1044 When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 B and, after an 1045 investigation by the court services unitjuvenile probation and parole office, finds that the parents are 1046 financially able to pay for the attorney in whole or in part and refuse to do so, the court shall assess 1047 costs in whole or in part against the parents for such legal services in the amount awarded the attorney 1048 by the court. Such amount shall not exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the maximum 1049 amount specified in subdivision (1) of § 19.2-163 if the action is in district court. In determining the 1050 financial ability of the parents to pay for an attorney to represent the child, the court shall utilize the 1051 financial statement required by § 19.2-159.

1052 In all other cases, except as provided in § 16.1-343, counsel appointed to represent a child shall be 1053 compensated for his services pursuant to § 19.2-163.

B. When the court appoints counsel to represent a parent, guardian or other adult pursuant to 1054 1055 § 16.1-266, such counsel shall be compensated for his services pursuant to § 19.2-163. 1056

§ 16.1-267. (Delayed effective date) Compensation of appointed counsel.

1057 A. When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 A and, after an 1058 investigation by the court services unit juvenile probation and parole office, finds that the parents are 1059 financially able to pay for the attorney and refuse to do so, the court shall assess costs against the parent 1060 for such legal services in the amount awarded the attorney by the court under the circumstances of the 1061 case, considering such factors as the ability of the parents to pay and the nature and extent of the 1062 counsel's duties in the case. Such amount shall not exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the 1063 maximum amount specified in subdivision (1) of § 19.2-163 if the action is in family court.

1064 When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 B and, after an 1065 investigation by the court services unit juvenile probation and parole office, finds that the parents are 1066 financially able to pay for the attorney in whole or in part and refuse to do so, the court shall assess costs in whole or in part against the parents for such legal services in the amount awarded the attorney 1067 1068 by the court. Such amount shall not exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the maximum 1069 amount specified in subdivision (1) of § 19.2-163 if the action is in family court. In determining the 1070 financial ability of the parents to pay for an attorney to represent the child, the court shall utilize the 1071 financial statement required by § 19.2-159.

1072 In all other cases, except as provided in § 16.1-343, counsel appointed to represent a child shall be 1073 compensated for his services pursuant to § 19.2-163.

B. When the court appoints counsel to represent a parent, guardian or other adult pursuant to 1074 1075 § 16.1-266, such counsel shall be compensated for his services pursuant to § 19.2-163.

1076 § 16.1-274. Time for filing of reports; copies furnished to attorneys; amended reports; fees.

1077 A. Whenever any court directs an investigation pursuant to §§ 16.1-237 A, 16.1-273, or § 9-173.8 or 1078 an evaluation pursuant to § 16.1-278.5, the probation officer, court-appointed special advocate, or other 1079 agency conducting such investigation shall file such report with the clerk of the court directing the 1080 investigation. The clerk shall furnish a copy of such report to all attorneys representing parties in the 1081 matter before the court no later than seventy-two hours, and in cases of child custody, five days, prior to 1082 the time set by the court for hearing the matter. If such probation officer or other agency discovers 1083 additional information or a change in circumstance after the filing of the report, an amended report shall 1084 be filed forthwith and a copy sent to each person who received a copy of the original report. Whenever 1085 such a report is not filed or an amended report is filed, the court shall grant such continuance of the 1086 proceedings as justice requires. All attorneys receiving such report or amended report shall return such 1087 to the clerk upon the conclusion of the hearing and shall not make copies of such report or amended 1088 report or any portion thereof.

1089 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 14.1-112 and 14.1-125, when the court directs the 1090 appropriate local department of social services to conduct supervised visitation or directs the appropriate 1091 local department of social services or court services unit to conduct an investigation pursuant to 1092 § 16.1-273 or to provide mediation services in matters involving a child's custody, visitation, or support, 1093 the court shall assess a fee against the petitioner, the respondent, or both, in accordance with fee 1094 schedules established by the appropriate local board of social services when the service is provided by a 1095 local department of social services and by the State Board of Youth and Family Services when the 1096 service is provided by a court services unit. The fee schedules shall include (i) standards for determining 1097 the paying party's or parties' ability to pay and (ii) a scale of fees based on the paying party's or parties' 1098 income and family size and the actual cost of the services provided. The fee charged shall not exceed 1099 the actual cost of the service. The fee shall be assessed as a cost of the case and shall be paid as 1100 prescribed by the court to the local department of social services, locally operated court services unit or 1101 Department of Youth and Family Services, whichever performed the service, unless payment is waived. 1102 The method and medium for payment for such services shall be determined by the local department of 1103 social services, Department of Youth and Family Services, or the locally operated court services unit that provided the services. 1104

1105 C. When a local department of social services or any court services unit is requested by another local

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1106 department or court services unit in the Commonwealth or by a similar department or entity in another 1107 state to conduct an investigation involving a child's custody, visitation or support pursuant to § 16.1-273 1108 or, in the case of a request from another state pursuant to a provision corresponding to § 16.1-273, or to 1109 provide mediation services, or for a local department of social services to provide supervised visitation, 1110 the local department or the court services unit performing the service may require payment of fees prior 1111 to conducting the investigation or providing mediation services or supervised visitation.

1112 § 16.1-278.5. Children in need of supervision.

1113 A. If a child is found to be in need of supervision, the court shall, before final disposition of the 1114 case, direct the appropriate public agency to evaluate the child's service needs using an interdisciplinary 1115 team approach. The team shall consist of qualified personnel who are reasonably available from the appropriate department of social services, community services board, local school division, court service 1116 1117 unit juvenile probation and parole office and other appropriate and available public and private agencies 1118 and may be the family assessment and planning team established pursuant to § 2.1-753. A report of the evaluation shall be filed as provided in  $\S$  16.1-274 A. 1119

1120 B. The court may make any of the following orders of disposition for the supervision, care and 1121 rehabilitation of the child:

1122 1. Enter any order of disposition authorized by § 16.1-278.4 for a child found to be in need of 1123 services; 1124

2. Place the child on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe;

1125 3. Order the child and/or his parent to participate in such programs, cooperate in such treatment or 1126 be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for the 1127 rehabilitation of the child;

1128 4. Require the child to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court may 1129 prescribe; or

1130 5. a. Beginning July 1, 1992, in the case of any child subject to compulsory school attendance as 1131 provided in § 22.1-254, where the court finds that the child's parent is in violation of §§ 22.1-254, 1132 22.1-255, 22.1-265, or § 22.1-267, in addition to any penalties provided in § 22.1-263 or § 22.1-265, the 1133 court may order the parent with whom the child is living to participate in such programs, cooperate in 1134 such treatment, or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are 1135 designed for the rehabilitation of the child and/or the parent. Upon the failure of the parent to so 1136 participate or cooperate, or to comply with the conditions and limitations that the court orders, the court 1137 may impose a fine of not more than \$100 for each day in which the person fails to comply with the 1138 court order.

1139 b. If the court finds that the parent has willfully disobeyed a lawful process, judgment, decree, or 1140 court order requiring such person to comply with the compulsory school attendance law, in addition to 1141 any conditions or limitations that the court may order or any penalties provided by §§ 16.1-278.2 through 16.1-278.19, § 22.1-263 or § 22.1-265, the court may impose the penalty authorized by 1142 1143 § 18.2-371.

1144 C. Any order entered pursuant to this section shall be provided in writing to the child, his parent or 1145 legal custodian, and to the child's attorney and shall contain adequate notice of the provisions of 1146 § 16.1-292 regarding willful violation of such order.

§ 16.1-278.5. (Delayed effective date) Children in need of supervision. 1147

1148 A. If a child is found to be in need of supervision, the court shall, before final disposition of the 1149 case, direct the appropriate public agency to evaluate the child's service needs using an interdisciplinary 1150 team approach. The team shall consist of qualified personnel who are reasonably available from the 1151 appropriate department of social services, community services board, local school division, court service 1152 unit juvenile probation and parole office and other appropriate and available public and private agencies 1153 and may be the family assessment and planning team established pursuant to § 2.1-753. A report of the 1154 evaluation shall be filed as provided in § 16.1-274 A.

1155 B. The court may make any of the following orders of disposition for the supervision, care and 1156 rehabilitation of the child:

1157 1. Enter any order of disposition authorized by § 16.1-278.4 for a child found to be in need of 1158 services; 1159

2. Place the child on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe;

1160 3. Order the child and/or his parent to participate in such programs, cooperate in such treatment or 1161 be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for the 1162 rehabilitation of the child;

1163 4. Require the child to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court may 1164 prescribe; or

5. a. In the case of any child subject to compulsory school attendance as provided in § 22.1-254, 1165 where the court finds that the child's parent is in violation of §§ 22.1-254, 22.1-255, 22.1-265, or 1166

1167 § 22.1-267, in addition to any penalties provided in § 22.1-263 or § 22.1-265, the court may order the 1168 parent with whom the child is living to participate in such programs, cooperate in such treatment, or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for the 1169 1170 rehabilitation of the child and/or the parent. Upon the failure of the parent to so participate or cooperate, or to comply with the conditions and limitations that the court orders, the court may impose a fine of 1171 1172 not more than \$100 for each day in which the person fails to comply with the court order.

1173 b. If the court finds that the parent has willfully disobeyed a lawful process, judgment, decree, or 1174 court order requiring such person to comply with the compulsory school attendance law, in addition to any conditions or limitations that the court may order or any penalties provided by §§ 16.1-278.2 1175 through 16.1-278.19, § 22.1-263 or § 22.1-265, the court may impose the penalty authorized by 1176 1177 § 18.2-371.

C. Any order entered pursuant to this section shall be provided in writing to the child, his parent or 1178 1179 legal custodian, and to the child's attorney and shall contain adequate notice of the provisions of 1180 § 16.1-292 regarding willful violation of such order. 1181

§ 16.1-278.7. Commitment to Department of Youth and Family Services.

1182 Unless a child found to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision or a status 1183 offender is also found to be delinquent and is older than ten years of age, he shall not be committed to 1184 the Department of Youth and Family Services. No juvenile court or circuit court shall order the 1185 commitment of any child jointly to the Department of Youth and Family Services and to a local board 1186 of public welfare or social services or transfer the custody of a child jointly to a court service unit 1187 juvenile probation and parole office of a juvenile court and to a local board of public welfare or social 1188 services. 1189

§ 16.1-278.7. (Delayed effective date) Commitment to Department of Youth and Family Services.

Unless a child found to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision or a status 1190 1191 offender is also found to be delinquent and is older than ten years of age, he shall not be committed to 1192 the Department of Youth and Family Services. No family court or circuit court shall order the 1193 commitment of any child jointly to the Department of Youth and Family Services and to a local board 1194 of public welfare or social services or transfer the custody of a child jointly to a court service unit juvenile probation and parole office of a family court and to a local board of public welfare or social 1195 1196 services. 1197

§ 16.1-285.2. Release and review hearing for serious offender.

1198 A. Upon receipt of a petition of the Department of Youth and Family Services for a hearing 1199 concerning a juvenile committed under § 16.1-285.1, the court shall schedule a hearing within thirty 1200 days and shall appoint counsel for the juvenile pursuant to § 16.1-266. The court shall provide a copy of 1201 the petition, the progress report required by this section, and notice of the time and place of the hearing to (i) the juvenile, (ii) the juvenile's parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, (iii) the 1202 1203 juvenile's guardian ad litem, if any, (iv) the juvenile's legal counsel, and (v) the attorney for the Commonwealth who prosecuted the juvenile during the delinquency proceeding. 1204

1205 B. The petition shall be filed in the committing court and shall be accompanied by a progress report 1206 from the Department. This report shall describe (i) the facility and living arrangement provided for the juvenile by the Department, (ii) the services and treatment programs afforded the juvenile, (iii) the 1207 1208 juvenile's progress toward treatment goals and objectives, which shall include a summary of his educational progress, (iv) the juvenile's potential for danger to either himself or the community, and (v) 1209 1210 a comprehensive aftercare plan for the juvenile.

1211 C. At the hearing the court shall consider the progress report. The court may also consider additional 1212 evidence from (i) probation officers, the learning center, treatment professionals, and the court service 1213 unitjuvenile probation and parole office ; (ii) the juvenile, his legal counsel, parent, guardian or family member; or (iii) other sources the court deems relevant. The hearing and all records relating thereto shall 1214 be governed by the confidentiality provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of this chapter. 1215

1216 D. At the conclusion of the hearing, the court shall order (i) continued commitment of the juvenile to 1217 the Department for completion of the original determinate period of commitment or such lesser time as 1218 the court may order or (ii) release of the juvenile under such terms and conditions as the court may 1219 prescribe. In making a determination under this section, the court shall consider (i) the experiences and 1220 character of the juvenile before and after commitment, (ii) the nature of the offenses that the juvenile 1221 was found to have committed, (iii) the manner in which the offenses were committed, (iv) the protection 1222 of the community, (v) the recommendations of the Department, and (vi) any other factors the court 1223 deems relevant. The order of the court shall be final and not subject to appeal.

§ 16.1-286. Cost of maintenance; approval of placement; semiannual review; roster of placed 1224 1225 children.

1226 A. When the court determines that the behavior of a child within its jurisdiction is such that it cannot 1227 be dealt with in the child's own locality or with the resources of his locality, the judge shall refer the 1228 child to the locality's family assessment and planning team for assessment and a recommendation for 1229 services. Based on this recommendation, the court may take custody and place the child, pursuant to the 1230 provisions of subdivision 5 of § 16.1-278.4 or 13 b of § 16.1-278.8 in a private or locally operated 1231 public facility, or nonresidential program, excluding those programs and facilities operating under the 1232 provisions of § 16.1-309.5, and approved by the State Board of Youth and Family Services. No child 1233 shall be placed outside the Commonwealth by a court without first complying with the appropriate 1234 provisions of Chapter 10.1 (§ 63.1-219.1 et seq.) of Title 63.1 or with regulations of the State Board of 1235 Social Services relating to resident children placed out of the Commonwealth.

1236 The Board shall establish a per diem allowance to cover the cost of such placements. This allowance 1237 may be drawn from funds allocated through the state pool of funds to the community policy and 1238 management team of the locality where the child resides as such residence is determined by the court. 1239 The cost, however, shall not exceed that amount which would be incurred if the services required by the 1240 child were provided in a juvenile facility operated by the Department of Youth and Family Services. 1241 However, when the court determines after an investigation and a hearing that the child's parent or other 1242 person legally obligated to provide support is financially able to contribute to support of the child, the 1243 court may order that the parent or other legally obligated person pay, in such manner as the court may 1244 direct, reasonable sums commensurate with the ability to pay toward the support and treatment of the 1245 child placed in a program pursuant to this section. If the parent or other obligated person willfully fails 1246 or refuses to pay such sum, the court may proceed against him for contempt. Alternatively, the court, 1247 after reasonable notice to the obligor, may enter an order adjudicating that the obligor is delinquent and 1248 such order shall have the effect of a civil judgment when duly docketed in the manner prescribed for the 1249 docketing of other judgments for money provided.

1250 B. The court service unit juvenile probation and parole office of the locality which made the 1251 placement shall be responsible for monitoring and supervising all children placed pursuant to this 1252 section. The court shall receive and review, at least semiannually, recommendations concerning the 1253 continued care of each child in such placements.

1254 C. The Director shall cause a current roster to be maintained concerning the whereabouts of all 1255 children placed pursuant to this section. 1256

§ 16.1-293. Supervision of child during commitment and on parole; placing child in halfway house.

1257 At such time as the court commits a child to the Department, it shall determine whether the juvenile 1258 and domestic relations district court service unit probation and parole office or the local department of 1259 public welfare or social services shall maintain contact with the child during the child's commitment. 1260 Except in exceptional cases, the court shall designate the local department to maintain contact with the 1261 child during commitment only when the child was in the custody of the local department immediately 1262 prior to his commitment to the Department. The Department shall return a child to the previously 1263 designated local supervising agency and shall consult with the local supervising agency two weeks prior 1264 to such release on parole supervision concerning return of the child to the local agency, unless there is 1265 an agreement for an earlier release. However, when any child is committed to the Department by a 1266 circuit court, the child may, upon request of the judge, be returned to the committing court by the 1267 Department.

1268 The local supervising agency shall furnish the child a written statement of the conditions of his 1269 parole and shall instruct him regarding the same. Violations of parole shall be heard by the court 1270 pursuant to § 16.1-291. The director of the supervising agency may approve termination of parole 1271 supervision.

1272 In the event it is determined by the juvenile and domestic relations district court that a child may 1273 benefit from placement in the halfway house program operated by the Department, the child may be 1274 referred for care and treatment to a halfway house. Children so placed in a halfway house shall remain 1275 in parole status and cannot be transferred or otherwise placed in another institutional setting or 1276 institutional placement operated by the Department except as elsewhere provided by law for those 1277 children who have violated their parole status.

1278 § 16.1-293. (Delayed effective date) Supervision of child during commitment and on parole; placing 1279 child in halfway house.

1280 At such time as the court commits a child to the Department, it shall determine whether the family 1281 court service unit juvenile probation and parole office or the local department of public welfare or social 1282 services shall maintain contact with the child during the child's commitment. Except in exceptional 1283 cases, the court shall designate the local department to maintain contact with the child during 1284 commitment only when the child was in the custody of the local department immediately prior to his 1285 commitment to the Department. The Department shall return a child to the previously designated local 1286 supervising agency and shall consult with the local supervising agency two weeks prior to such release 1287 on parole supervision concerning return of the child to the local agency, unless there is an agreement for 1288 an earlier release. However, when any child is committed to the Department by a circuit court, the child 1289 may, upon request of the judge, be returned to the committing court by the Department.

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1290 The local supervising agency shall furnish the child a written statement of the conditions of his 1291 parole and shall instruct him regarding the same. Violations of parole shall be heard by the court 1292 pursuant to § 16.1-291. The director of the supervising agency may approve termination of parole 1293 supervision.

1294 In the event it is determined by the family court that a child may benefit from placement in the 1295 halfway house program operated by the Department, the child may be referred for care and treatment to 1296 a halfway house. Children so placed in a halfway house shall remain in parole status and cannot be 1297 transferred or otherwise placed in another institutional setting or institutional placement operated by the 1298 Department except as elsewhere provided by law for those children who have violated their parole 1299 status. 1300

§ 16.1-294. Placing child on parole in foster home or with institution; how cost paid.

1301 When the child is returned to the custody of the court for parole supervision by the court service unit 1302 juvenile probation and parole office or the local department of public welfare or social services for 1303 supervision, and, after a full investigation, the court is of the opinion that the child should not be placed 1304 in his home or is in need of treatment, and there are no funds available to board and maintain the child 1305 or to purchase the needed treatment services, the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office 1306 or the local department of public welfare or social services shall arrange with the Director of the 1307 Department of Youth and Family Services for the boarding of the child in a foster home or with any 1308 private institution, society or association or for the purchase of treatment services. In determining the 1309 proper placement for such a child, the Department may refer the child to the locality's family assessment 1310 and planning team for assessment and recommendation for services. The cost of maintaining such child 1311 shall be paid monthly, according to schedules prepared and adopted by the Department, out of funds 1312 appropriated for such purposes. Treatment services for such child shall be paid from funds appropriated 1313 to the Department for such purpose.

§ 16.1-300. Confidentiality of Department records.

1315 A. The social, medical, psychiatric and psychological reports and records of children who are or have 1316 been (i) before the court, (ii) under supervision, or (iii) receiving services from a court service unit 1317 juvenile probation and parole office or who are committed to the Department of Youth and Family 1318 Services shall be confidential and shall be open for inspection only to the following:

1319 1. The judge, prosecuting attorney, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve a court 1320 having the child currently before it in any proceeding;

1321 2. Any public agency, child welfare agency, private organization, facility or person who is treating 1322 the child pursuant to a contract with the Department;

1323 3. The child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and the 1324 child's attorney;

1325 4. Any person who previously has been a ward of the Department and who has reached the age of 1326 majority and requests access to his own records or reports;

1327 5. Any state agency providing funds to the Department of Youth and Family Services and required 1328 by the federal government to monitor or audit the effectiveness of programs for the benefit of juveniles 1329 which are financed in whole or in part by federal funds;

1330 6. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the 1331 case or in the work of the court;

1332 7. Any person, agency, organization or institution outside the Department which, at the Department's 1333 request, is conducting research or evaluation on the work of the Department or any of its divisions.

1334 A designated individual treating or responsible for the treatment of a person who was previously a 1335 ward of the Department may inspect such reports and records as are kept by the Department on such 1336 person or receive copies thereof, when the person who is the subject of the reports and records or his 1337 parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis if the person is under the age 1338 of eighteen, provides written authorization to the Department prior to the release of such reports and 1339 records for inspection or copying to the designated individual.

1340 B. The Department may withhold from inspection by a child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or 1341 other person standing in loco parentis that portion of the records referred to in A hereof, when the staff 1342 of the Department determines, in its discretion, that disclosure of such information would be detrimental 1343 to the child, provided that the juvenile and domestic relations district court having jurisdiction over the 1344 facility where the child is currently placed shall concur in such determination.

1345 If a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis requests to inspect the 1346 reports and records concerning his child and if the Department withholds from inspection any portion of 1347 such record or report pursuant to the preceding provisions, the Department shall (i) inform the individual 1348 making the request of the action taken to withhold any information and the reasons for such action; (ii) 1349 provide such individual with as much information about the child's progress as is deemed appropriate 1350 under the circumstances; and (iii) notify the individual in writing at the time of the request of his right 1351 to request judicial review of the Department's decision. The circuit court having jurisdiction over the

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- facility where the child is currently placed shall have jurisdiction over petitions filed by a parent, 1352 guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis for review of the Department's 1353 1354 decision to withhold reports or records as provided herein. 1355
  - § 16.1-300. (Delayed effective date) Confidentiality of Department records.

1356 A. The social, medical, psychiatric and psychological reports and records of children who are or have 1357 been (i) before the court, (ii) under supervision, or (iii) receiving services from a court service unit 1358 juvenile probation and parole office or who are committed to the Department of Youth and Family 1359 Services shall be confidential and shall be open for inspection only to the following:

- 1360 1. The judge, prosecuting attorney, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve a court 1361 having the child currently before it in any proceeding;
- 1362 2. Any public agency, child welfare agency, private organization, facility or person who is treating 1363 the child pursuant to a contract with the Department;
- 1364 3. The child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and the 1365 child's attorney;
- 4. Any person who previously has been a ward of the Department and who has reached the age of 1366 1367 majority and requests access to his own records or reports;
- 1368 5. Any state agency providing funds to the Department of Youth and Family Services and required 1369 by the federal government to monitor or audit the effectiveness of programs for the benefit of juveniles 1370 which are financed in whole or in part by federal funds;
- 1371 6. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the 1372 case or in the work of the court;
- 1373 7. Any person, agency, organization or institution outside the Department which, at the Department's 1374 request, is conducting research or evaluation on the work of the Department or any of its divisions.
- 1375 A designated individual treating or responsible for the treatment of a person who was previously a 1376 ward of the Department may inspect such reports and records as are kept by the Department on such 1377 person or receive copies thereof, when the person who is the subject of the reports and records or his 1378 parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis if the person is under the age 1379 of eighteen, provides written authorization to the Department prior to the release of such reports and 1380 records for inspection or copying to the designated individual.
- 1381 B. The Department may withhold from inspection by a child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or 1382 other person standing in loco parentis that portion of the records referred to in subsection A, when the 1383 staff of the Department determines, in its discretion, that disclosure of such information would be 1384 detrimental to the child.
- 1385 If a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis requests to inspect the 1386 reports and records concerning his child and if the Department withholds from inspection any portion of 1387 such record or report pursuant to the preceding provisions, the Department shall (i) inform the individual 1388 making the request of the action taken to withhold any information and the reasons for such action; (ii) 1389 provide such individual with as much information about the child's progress as is deemed appropriate 1390 under the circumstances; and (iii) notify the individual in writing at the time of the request of his right 1391 to request judicial review of the Department's decision. The family court having jurisdiction over the 1392 facility where the child is currently placed shall have jurisdiction over petitions filed by a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis for review of the Department's 1393 1394 decision to withhold reports or records as provided herein. 1395
  - § 16.1-305. Confidentiality of court records.
- 1396 A. Social, medical and psychiatric or psychological records, including reports or preliminary 1397 inquiries, predisposition studies and supervision records, of neglected and abused children, children in 1398 need of services and delinquent children shall be filed with the other papers in the juvenile's case file. 1399 All juvenile case files shall be filed separately from adult files and records of the court and shall be 1400 open for inspection only to the following:
- 1401 1. The judge, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve the juvenile and domestic 1402 relations district courts;
- 1403 2. Representatives of a public or private agency or department providing supervision or having legal 1404 custody of the child or furnishing evaluation or treatment of the child ordered or requested by the court; 1405 3. The attorney for any party:
- 1406 4. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the 1407 case or in the work of the court; however, for the purposes of preparation of a presentence report upon 1408 a finding of guilty in a circuit court or for the preparation of a background report for the Parole Board, 1409 adult probation and parole officers, including United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officers, 1410 shall have access to an accused's or inmate's records in juvenile court.
- 1411 B. All or any part of the records enumerated in subsection A, or information secured from such 1412 records, which is presented to the judge in court or otherwise in a proceeding under this law shall also

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1413 be made available to the parties to the proceedings and their attorneys.

1414 C. All other juvenile records, including the docket, petitions, motions and other papers filed with a 1415 case, transcripts of testimony, findings, verdicts, orders and decrees shall be open to inspection only by 1416 those persons and agencies designated in subsections A and B of this section.

D. Attested copies of papers filed in connection with an adjudication of guilty for an offense for 1417 1418 which the clerk is required by § 46.2-383 to furnish an abstract to the Department of Motor Vehicles, 1419 which shows the charge, finding, disposition, name of the attorney for the juvenile, or waiver of attorney 1420 shall be furnished to an attorney for the Commonwealth upon certification by the prosecuting attorney 1421 that such papers are needed as evidence in a pending criminal, traffic, or habitual offender proceeding 1422 and that such papers will be only used for such evidentiary purpose.

E. Upon request, a copy of the court order of disposition in a delinquency case shall be provided to 1423 the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission solely for purposes of determining whether to make an 1424 1425 award to the victim of a crime, and such information shall not be disseminated or used by the 1426 Commission for any other purpose including but not limited to actions pursuant to § 19.2-368.15.

1427 F. Staff of the court services unit juvenile probation and parole office or the attorney for the 1428 Commonwealth shall provide notice of the disposition in a case involving a juvenile who is committed 1429 to state care after being adjudicated for a criminal sexual assault as specified in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et 1430 seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 to the victim or a parent of a minor victim, upon request. Additionally, 1431 if the victim or parent submits a written request, the Department of Youth and Family Services shall 1432 provide advance notice of such juvenile offender's anticipated date of release from commitment. 1433

§ 16.1-305. (Delayed effective date) Confidentiality of court records.

A. Social, medical and psychiatric or psychological records, including reports or preliminary 1434 inquiries, predisposition studies and supervision records, of neglected and abused children, children in 1435 need of services and delinquent children shall be filed with the other papers in the juvenile's case file. 1436 1437 All juvenile case files shall be filed separately from adult files and records of the court and shall be 1438 open for inspection only to the following: 1439

1. The judge, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve the family courts;

1440 2. Representatives of a public or private agency or department providing supervision or having legal custody of the child or furnishing evaluation or treatment of the child ordered or requested by the court; 1441 1442

3. The attorney for any party;

1443 4. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the 1444 case or in the work of the court; however, for the purposes of preparation of a presentence report upon 1445 a finding of guilty in a circuit court or for the preparation of a background report for the Parole Board, 1446 adult probation and parole officers, including United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officers, 1447 shall have access to an accused's or inmate's records in family court.

1448 B. All or any part of the records enumerated in subsection A, or information secured from such 1449 records, which is presented to the judge in court or otherwise in a proceeding under this law shall also 1450 be made available to the parties to the proceedings and their attorneys.

1451 C. All other juvenile records, including the docket, petitions, motions and other papers filed with a 1452 case, transcripts of testimony, findings, verdicts, orders and decrees shall be open to inspection only by 1453 those persons and agencies designated in subsections A and B of this section.

D. Attested copies of papers filed in connection with an adjudication of guilty for an offense for 1454 1455 which the clerk is required by § 46.2-383 to furnish an abstract to the Department of Motor Vehicles, 1456 which shows the charge, finding, disposition, name of the attorney for the juvenile, or waiver of attorney 1457 shall be furnished to an attorney for the Commonwealth upon certification by the prosecuting attorney 1458 that such papers are needed as evidence in a pending criminal, traffic, or habitual offender proceeding 1459 and that such papers will be only used for such evidentiary purpose.

1460 E. Upon request, a copy of the court order of disposition in a delinquency case shall be provided to 1461 the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission solely for purposes of determining whether to make an 1462 award to the victim of a crime, and such information shall not be disseminated or used by the 1463 Commission for any other purpose including but not limited to actions pursuant to § 19.2-368.15.

1464 F. Section 20-124 shall govern the confidentiality of court records in cases involving divorce, 1465 annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance and equitable distribution based on a foreign 1466 decree. Sections 63.1-235 and 63.1-236 shall govern the confidentiality of adoption cases.

1467 G. Staff of the court services unit juvenile probation and parole office or the attorney for the 1468 Commonwealth shall provide notice of the disposition in a case involving a juvenile who is committed 1469 to state care after being adjudicated for a criminal sexual assault as specified in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et 1470 seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 to the victim or a parent of a minor victim, upon request. Additionally, if the victim or parent submits a written request, the Department of Youth and Family Services shall 1471 1472 provide advance notice of such juvenile offender's anticipated date of release from commitment.

1473 § 16.1-309.1. Exception as to confidentiality.

1474 Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, where consideration of public interest requires,

the judge shall make available to the public the name and address of a juvenile and the nature of the offense for which a juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent (i) for an act which would be a Class 1, 2
or 3 felony, forcible rape, robbery or burglary or a related offense as set out in Article 2 (§ 18.2-89 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2 if committed by an adult or (ii) in any case where a juvenile is sentenced as an adult in circuit court.

1480 Whenever a juvenile, charged with a delinquent act which would be forcible rape, robbery, burglary 1481 or a related offense as set out in Article 2 (§ 18.2-89 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2 or a Class 1, 2, 1482 or 3 felony if committed by an adult, becomes a fugitive from justice any time prior to or after final 1483 disposition of the charge, the attorney for the Commonwealth or, upon notice to the Commonwealth's attorney, the Department of Youth and Family Services or a locally operated court services unit juvenile 1484 1485 probation and parole office may petition the court having jurisdiction of the offense to authorize public 1486 release of the juvenile's name, age, physical description and photograph, the charge for which he is 1487 sought or for which he was adjudicated and any other information which may expedite his apprehension. 1488 Upon a showing that the juvenile is a fugitive and for good cause, the court shall order release of this 1489 information to the public.

Whenever a juvenile fourteen years of age or older is charged with a delinquent act that would be an
"act of violence" as defined in subsection A of § 19.2-297.1 if committed by an adult, the court may,
where consideration of the public interest requires, make the juvenile's name and address available to the
public.

1494 Upon the request of a victim of a delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult, 1495 the court may order that such victim be informed of the charge or charges brought, the findings of the 1496 court, and the disposition of the case. For purposes of this section, "victim" shall be defined as in 1497 § 19.2-11.01.

**1498** Upon request, the judge or clerk may disclose if an order of emancipation of a juvenile pursuant to **1499** § 16.1-333 has been entered, provided (i) the order is not being appealed, (ii) the order has not been **1500** terminated, or (iii) there has not been a judicial determination that the order is void ab initio.

1501 § 16.1-309.3 Establishment of a community-based system of services; biennial local plan; quarterly1502 report.

1503 A. Any county, city or combination thereof may establish a community-based system pursuant to this 1504 article, which shall provide, or arrange to have accessible, a variety of predispositional and 1505 postdispositional services. These services may include diversion, house arrest, intensive juvenile 1506 supervision, substance abuse assessment and testing, intensive individual and family treatment, 1507 guaranteed access to a secure detention facility, structured day treatment and structured residential 1508 programs, aftercare/parole community supervision and residential and nonresidential services for juvenile 1509 offenders who are before the court on petitions alleging that the juvenile is delinquent, in need of 1510 services or in need of supervision. Such community-based systems shall be developed after consultation 1511 with the judge or judges of the juvenile and domestic relations district court and the director of the <del>court</del> 1512 services unit juvenile probation and parole office.

1513 B. Community-based services instituted pursuant to this article shall be administered by a county, city or combination thereof, and may be administered through a community policy and management 1514 1515 team established under § 2.1-750 or a commission established under § 16.1-315. Such programs and 1516 services may be provided by qualified public or private agencies, pursuant to appropriate contracts. Any 1517 commission established under § 16.1-315 providing predispositional and postdispositional services prior 1518 to the enactment of this article which serves a member jurisdiction that is a city having a population 1519 between 135,000 and 165,000 shall directly receive, during the period fiscal year 1995 through fiscal 1520 year 2000, the proportion of funds calculated under § 16.1-309.7 on behalf of the owner localities. 1521 During the period fiscal year 1995 through fiscal year 2000, the funds received shall be allocated 1522 directly to the member localities. Any member locality which elects to withdraw from the commission 1523 shall be entitled to its full allocation as provided in §§ 16.1-309.6 and 16.1-309.7. The Department of 1524 Youth and Family Services shall provide technical assistance to localities, upon request, for establishing 1525 or expanding programs or services pursuant to this article.

1526 C. Funds provided to implement the provisions of this article shall not be used to supplant funds 1527 established as the state pool of funds under § 2.1-757.

D. Any county, city or combination thereof which establishes a community-based system pursuant to this article shall biennially submit to the State Board for approval a local plan for the development, implementation and operation of such services, programs and facilities pursuant to this article. The State Board shall solicit written comments on the plan from the judge or judges of the juvenile and domestic relations court and the director of the court services unit juvenile probation and parole office. Prior to the initiation of any new services, the plan shall also include a cost comparison for the private operation of such services.

1535 E. Each locality shall report quarterly to the Director the number of child-care days registered during

1536 the preceding quarter by each juvenile correctional program or facility operated within such locality's 1537 plan. 1538

§ 16.1-330.1. Definition; establishment of program; disclosure of information; penalty.

1539 A. For purposes of this article, a serious or habitual juvenile offender is a minor who has been (i) 1540 adjudicated delinquent or convicted of murder or attempted murder, armed robbery, any felony sexual 1541 assault or malicious wounding or (ii) convicted at least three times for offenses which would be felonies 1542 or Class 1 misdemeanors if committed by an adult. Qualifying convictions or adjudications shall include only those for offenses occurring after July 1, 1993. However, any Serious or Habitual Offender 1543 1544 Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP) in existence on July 1, 1993, shall be deemed to have been 1545 established pursuant to this article and, notwithstanding the limitations of this subsection, may continue 1546 to supervise persons who were being supervised on July 1, 1993.

1547 B. The Serious or Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP) is a 1548 multidisciplinary interagency case management and information sharing system which enables the 1549 juvenile and criminal justice system, schools, and social service agencies to make more informed 1550 decisions regarding juveniles who repeatedly commit serious criminal and delinquent acts. Each 1551 SHOCAP shall supervise serious or habitual juvenile offenders in the community as well as those under 1552 probation or parole supervision and enhance current conduct control, supervision and treatment efforts to 1553 provide a more coordinated public safety approach to serious juvenile crime, increase the opportunity for 1554 success with juvenile offenders and assist in the development of early intervention strategies.

1555 C. Any county or city in the Commonwealth may by action of its governing body establish a SHOCAP committee. The committee shall consist of representatives from local law enforcement, 1556 1557 schools, attorneys for the Commonwealth, juvenile court services probation and parole offices, juvenile detention centers or group homes, mental and medical health agencies, state and local children and family service agencies, and the Department of Youth and Family Services. Any county or city which 1558 1559 1560 establishes a SHOCAP committee shall, within forty-five days of such action, notify the Department of 1561 Criminal Justice Services. The Department shall issue statewide SHOCAP guidelines and provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions on implementation of SHOCAP. 1562

1563 D. Each SHOCAP committee shall share among its members and with other SHOCAP committees 1564 otherwise confidential information on identified serious or habitual juvenile offenders. Every person, 1565 including members of the SHOCAP committee, who is to receive confidential information pursuant to 1566 this article shall first submit to the committee a signed statement acknowledging the duty imposed by 1567 this article to maintain the confidentiality of that information.

1568 All records and reports concerning serious or habitual juvenile offenders made available to members 1569 of a SHOCAP committee and all records and reports identifying an individual offender which are 1570 generated by the committee from such reports shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except as specifically authorized by this article or other applicable law. Disclosure of the information may be 1571 1572 made to other staff from member agencies as authorized by the SHOCAP committee for the furtherance 1573 of case management, community supervision, conduct control and locating of the offender for the application and coordination of appropriate services. Staff from the member agencies who receive such 1574 1575 information will be governed by the confidentiality provisions of this article. The staff from the member 1576 agencies who will qualify to have access to the SHOCAP information shall be limited to those 1577 individuals who provide direct services to the offender or who provide community conduct control and 1578 supervision to the offender.

1579 The provisions of this article authorizing information sharing between and among SHOCAP 1580 committees shall take precedence over the provisions of (i) Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of this title governing dissemination of court and law-enforcement records concerning juveniles, (ii) 1581 Article 5 (§ 22.1-287 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 22.1 governing access to pupil records, (iii) Title 1582 1583 37.1 and any regulations enacted pursuant thereto governing access to juvenile mental health records and 1584 (iv) Title 63.1 and any regulations enacted pursuant thereto governing access to records concerning 1585 treatments or services provided to a juvenile.

1586 E. It shall be unlawful for any staff person from a member agency to disclose or to knowingly 1587 permit, assist or encourage the unauthorized release of any identifying information contained in any reports or records received or generated by a SHOCAP committee. A violation of this subsection shall 1588 1589 be punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor. 1590

§ 19.2-123. Release of accused on unsecured bond or promise to appear; conditions of release.

1591 A. If any judicial officer has brought before him any person held in custody and charged with an 1592 offense, other than an offense punishable by death, or a juvenile taken into custody pursuant to 1593 § 16.1-246, the judicial officer shall consider the release pending trial or hearing of the accused on his 1594 recognizance.

1595 In the case of a juvenile or in any case where the judicial officer determines that such a release will 1596 not reasonably assure the appearance of the accused as required, the judicial officer shall then, either in 1597 lieu of or in addition to the above methods of release, impose any one or any combination of the 1598 following conditions of release which will reasonably assure the appearance of the accused or juvenile 1599 for trial or hearing:

1600 1. Place the person in the custody of a designated person or organization agreeing to supervise him 1601 or in the custody and under the supervision of a pretrial services agency which, for the purposes of this 1602 section, shall not include a court services unit juvenile probation and parole office established pursuant 1603 to § 16.1-233;

1604 2. Place restrictions on the travel, association or place of abode of the person during the period of 1605 release and restrict contacts with household members for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours; 2a. Require the execution of an unsecured bond;

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1607 3. Require the execution of a secure bond which at the option of the accused shall be satisfied with 1608 sufficient solvent sureties, or the deposit of cash in lieu thereof. Only the actual value of any interest in 1609 real estate or personal property owned by the proposed surety shall be considered in determining solvency and solvency shall be found if the value of the proposed surety's equity in the real estate or 1610 personal property equals or exceeds the amount of the bond; or 1611

1612 4. Impose any other condition deemed reasonably necessary to assure appearance as required, and to 1613 assure his good behavior pending trial, including a condition requiring that the person return to custody 1614 after specified hours or be placed on home electronic incarceration pursuant to § 53.1-131.2.

1615 Upon satisfaction of the terms of recognizance, the accused shall be released forthwith.

1616 In addition, where the accused is a resident of a state training center for the mentally retarded, the 1617 judicial officer may place the person in the custody of the director of the state facility, if the director 1618 agrees to accept custody. Such director is hereby authorized to take custody of such person and to 1619 maintain him at the training center prior to a trial or hearing under such circumstances as will 1620 reasonably assure the appearance of the accused for the trial or hearing.

1621 B. In any jurisdiction served by a pretrial services agency which offers a drug testing program 1622 approved for the purposes of this subsection by the chief general district court judge, any such accused 1623 or juvenile charged with a crime may be requested by such agency to give voluntarily a urine sample. 1624 This sample may be analyzed for the presence of phencyclidine (PCP), barbiturates, cocaine, opiates or 1625 such other drugs as the agency may deem appropriate prior to any hearing to establish bail. The judicial 1626 officer and agency shall inform the accused or juvenile being tested that test results shall be used by a 1627 judicial officer only at a bail hearing and only to determine appropriate conditions of release or to 1628 reconsider the conditions of bail at a subsequent hearing. All test results shall be confidential with 1629 access thereto limited to judicial officers, the attorney for the Commonwealth, defense counsel and, in 1630 cases where a juvenile is tested, the parents or legal guardian or custodian of such juvenile. However, in 1631 no event shall the judicial officer have access to any test result prior to making a bail release 1632 determination or to determining the amount of bond, if any. Following this determination, the judicial 1633 officer shall consider the test results and the testing agency's report and accompanying recommendations, 1634 if any, in setting appropriate conditions of release. In no event shall a decision regarding a release 1635 determination be subject to reversal on the sole basis of such test results. Any accused or juvenile whose 1636 urine sample has tested positive for such drugs and who is admitted to bail may, as a condition of 1637 release, be ordered to refrain from use of alcohol or illegal drugs and may be required to be tested on a 1638 periodic basis until final disposition of his case to ensure his compliance with the order. Sanctions for a 1639 violation of any condition of release, which violations shall include subsequent positive drug test results 1640 or failure to report as ordered for testing, may be imposed in the discretion of the judicial officer and 1641 may include imposition of more stringent conditions of release, contempt of court proceedings or 1642 revocation of release. Any test given under the provisions of this subsection which yields a positive drug test result shall be reconfirmed by a second test if the person tested denies or contests the initial drug 1643 1644 test positive result. The results of any drug test conducted pursuant to this subsection shall not be 1645 admissible in any judicial proceeding other than for the imposition of sanctions for a violation of a 1646 condition of release.

1647 C. [Repealed.]

1648 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an officer taking a juvenile into custody 1649 from releasing that juvenile pursuant to § 16.1-247. If any condition of release imposed under the 1650 provisions of this section is violated, a judicial officer may issue a capias or order to show cause why 1651 the recognizance should not be revoked.

1652 § 63.1-248.3. Physicians, nurses, teachers, etc., to report certain injuries to children; penalty for 1653 failure to report.

1654 A. The following persons who, in their professional or official capacity, have reason to suspect that a 1655 child is an abused or neglected child, shall report the matter immediately, except as hereinafter provided, 1656 to the local department of the county or city wherein the child resides or wherein the abuse or neglect is 1657 believed to have occurred or to the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect 1658 hotline:

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1659 1. Any person licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts,

1660 2. Any hospital resident or intern, and any person employed in the nursing profession,

1661 3. Any person employed as a social worker,

1662 4. Any probation officer,

1663 5. Any teacher or other person employed in a public or private school, kindergarten or nursery 1664 school.

1665 6. Any person providing full-time or part-time child care for pay on a regularly planned basis,

1666 7. Any duly accredited Christian Science practitioner,

1667 8. Any mental health professional,

1668 9. Any law-enforcement officer,

10. Any mediator eligible to receive court referrals pursuant to § 8.01-576.8, 1669

11. Any professional staff person, not previously enumerated, employed by a private or state-operated 1670 hospital, institution or facility to which children have been committed or where children have been 1671 1672 placed for care and treatment, and

1673 12. Any person associated with or employed by any private organization responsible for the care, 1674 custody or control of children.

1675 If neither the locality in which the child resides or where the abuse or neglect is believed to have 1676 occurred is known, then such report shall be made to the local department of the county or city where 1677 the abuse or neglect was discovered or to the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and 1678 neglect hotline.

1679 If an employee of the local department is suspected of abusing or neglecting a child, the report shall 1680 be made to the juvenile and domestic relations district court of the county or city where the abuse or 1681 neglect was discovered. Upon receipt of such a report by the court, the judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court shall assign the report to a local department of social services that is not 1682 1683 the employer of the suspected employee for investigation; or, if the judge believes that no local 1684 department of social services within a reasonable geographic distance can be impartial in investigating 1685 the reported case, the judge shall assign the report to the court service unit juvenile probation and 1686 parole office of his court for investigation. The judge may consult with the State Department of Social 1687 Services in selecting a local department to conduct the investigation.

1688 If the information is received by a teacher, staff member, resident, intern or nurse in the course of 1689 professional services in a hospital, school or similar institution, such person may, in place of said report, 1690 immediately notify the person in charge of the institution or department, or his designee, who shall 1691 make such report forthwith.

1692 The initial report may be an oral report but such report shall be reduced to writing by the child 1693 abuse coordinator of the local department on a form prescribed by the State Board of Social Services. 1694 The person required to make the report shall disclose all information which is the basis for his suspicion 1695 of abuse or neglect of the child and, upon request, shall make available to the child-protective services coordinator and the local department investigating the reported case of child abuse or neglect any 1696 1697 records or reports which document the basis for the report.

1698 B. Any person required to file a report pursuant to subsection A of this section who fails to do so 1699 within seventy-two hours of his first suspicion of child abuse or neglect shall be fined not more than 1700 \$500 for the first failure and for any subsequent failures not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.

1701 § 63.1-248.3. (Delayed effective date) Physicians, nurses, teachers, etc., to report certain injuries to 1702 children; penalty for failure to report.

1703 A. The following persons who, in their professional or official capacity, have reason to suspect that a 1704 child is an abused or neglected child, shall report the matter immediately, except as hereinafter provided, 1705 to the local department of the county or city wherein the child resides or wherein the abuse or neglect is believed to have occurred or to the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect 1706 1707 hotline: 1708

1. Any person licensed to practice medicine or any of the healing arts,

1709 2. Any hospital resident or intern, and any person employed in the nursing profession,

1710 3. Any person employed as a social worker,

1711 4. Any probation officer,

5. Any teacher or other person employed in a public or private school, kindergarten or nursery 1712 1713 school,

1714 6. Any person providing full-time or part-time child care for pay on a regularly planned basis,

1715 7. Any duly accredited Christian Science practitioner,

1716 8. Any mental health professional,

1717 9. Any law-enforcement officer,

10. Any mediator eligible to receive court referrals pursuant to § 8.01-576.8, 1718

11. Any professional staff person, not previously enumerated, employed by a private or state-operated 1719 1720 hospital, institution or facility to which children have been committed or where children have been 1721 placed for care and treatment, and

1722 12. Any person associated with or employed by any private organization responsible for the care, custody or control of children.

1724 If neither the locality in which the child resides or where the abuse or neglect is believed to have 1725 occurred is known, then such report shall be made to the local department of the county or city where 1726 the abuse or neglect was discovered or to the Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and 1727 neglect hotline.

1728 If an employee of the local department is suspected of abusing or neglecting a child, the report shall 1729 be made to the family court of the county or city where the abuse or neglect was discovered. Upon 1730 receipt of such a report by the court, the judge of the family court shall assign the report to a local 1731 department of social services that is not the employer of the suspected employee for investigation; or, if 1732 the judge believes that no local department of social services in a reasonable geographic distance can be 1733 impartial in investigating the reported case, the judge shall assign the report to the court service unit 1734 juvenile probation and parole office of his court for investigation. The judge may consult with the State 1735 Department of Social Services in selecting a local department to conduct the investigation.

1736 If the information is received by a teacher, staff member, resident, intern or nurse in the course of
1737 professional services in a hospital, school or similar institution, such person may, in place of said report,
1738 immediately notify the person in charge of the institution or department, or his designee, who shall
1739 make such report forthwith.

The initial report may be an oral report but such report shall be reduced to writing by the child abuse coordinator of the local department on a form prescribed by the State Board of Social Services. The person required to make the report shall disclose all information which is the basis for his suspicion of abuse or neglect of the child and, upon request, shall make available to the child-protective services coordinator and the local department investigating the reported case of child abuse or neglect any records or reports which document the basis for the report.

B. Any person required to file a report pursuant to subsection A of this section who fails to do so within seventy-two hours of his first suspicion of child abuse or neglect shall be fined not more than \$500 for the first failure and for any subsequent failures not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.
§ 63.1-248.4. Complaints by others of certain injuries to children.

1750 Any person who suspects that a child is an abused or neglected child may make a complaint 1751 concerning such child, except as hereinafter provided, to the local department of the county or city 1752 wherein the child resides or wherein the abuse or neglect is believed to have occurred or to the 1753 Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline. If an employee of the local 1754 department is suspected of abusing or neglecting a child, the complaint shall be made to the juvenile 1755 and domestic relations district court of the county or city where the abuse or neglect was discovered. 1756 Upon receipt of such a report by the court, the judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court 1757 shall assign the report to a local department of social services that is not the employer of the suspected 1758 employee for investigation; or, if the judge believes that no local department of social services in a 1759 reasonable geographic distance can be impartial in investigating the reported case, the judge shall assign 1760 the report to the court service unit juvenile probation and parole office of his court for investigation. The judge may consult with the State Department of Social Services in selecting a local department to 1761 1762 conduct the investigation. Such a complaint may be oral or in writing and shall disclose all information 1763 which is the basis for the suspicion of abuse or neglect of the child.

1764 § 63.1-248.4. (Delayed effective date) Complaints by others of certain injuries to children.

1765 Any person who suspects that a child is an abused or neglected child may make a complaint 1766 concerning such child, except as hereinafter provided, to the local department of the county or city 1767 wherein the child resides or wherein the abuse or neglect is believed to have occurred or to the 1768 Department of Social Services' toll-free child abuse and neglect hotline. If an employee of the local 1769 department is suspected of abusing or neglecting a child, the complaint shall be made to the family 1770 court of the county or city where the abuse or neglect was discovered. Upon receipt of such a report by 1771 the court, the judge of the family district court shall assign the report to a local department of social 1772 services that is not the employer of the suspected employee for investigation; or, if the judge believes 1773 that no local department of social services in a reasonable geographic distance can be impartial in 1774 investigating the reported case, the judge shall assign the report to the court service unit juvenile 1775 probation and parole office of his court for investigation. The judge may consult with the State 1776 Department of Social Services in selecting a local department to conduct the investigation. Such a 1777 complaint may be oral or in writing and shall disclose all information which is the basis for the 1778 suspicion of abuse or neglect of the child.