

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

## CHAPTER 38

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 66-3.1, relating to police powers of internal investigators of the Department of Juvenile Justice.*

[H 2181]

Approved March 2, 1997

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 66-3.1 as follows:**

*§ 66-3.1. Police powers of internal investigators; training.*

*The Director may designate an inspector general of the Department and no more than ten members of the internal investigations unit of the Department to have the same powers as a sheriff or a law-enforcement officer in the investigation of allegations of criminal behavior affecting the operations of the Department. Investigators so designated shall receive the training required by the Department of Criminal Justice Services for law-enforcement personnel before exercising such powers.*

*Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant the Department any authority over the operation and security of detention homes which is not specified in other provisions of law.*