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HOUSE BILL NO. 2059

House Amendments in [] — February 2, 1997

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 16.1-299.2, relating to youth gang reporting.

Patrons—Almand, Armstrong, Baker, Cunningham, Davies, Deeds, Guest, Howell, Johnson, Jones, J.C., Moore, Moran and Woodrum; Senators: Howell, Reynolds and Stolle

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 16.1-299.2 as follows:

§ 16.1-299.2. Youth gang reporting.

Within seventy-two hours after the arrest of a juvenile, when it is determined through admission or investigation that such juvenile is a member of a gang, the juvenile's name and other appropriate gang-related information required by the Department of State Police shall be entered into the Youth Gang File of the Virginia Crime Information Network (VCIN).

[For purposes of this section, youth gang is defined as an ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more juveniles with a common interest and/or activity characterized by the commission of or involvement in a pattern of criminal conduct.]

2. That the Department of State Police shall develop, prior to July 1, 1997, policies and procedures consistent with and necessary to implementing the requirements of this act.

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