

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 16.1-299.2, relating to youth*
3 *gangs; reporting.*

4 [H 2059]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 16.1-299.2 as follows:**8 *§ 16.1-299.2. Youth gangs; reporting.*

9 *When it is determined, either by admission or investigation, by a state or local law-enforcement*
10 *agency or a regional multi-jurisdictional law-enforcement task force, that a juvenile who has been*
11 *arrested is a member of a youth gang, the arresting officer shall enter the juvenile's name and other*
12 *appropriate gang-related information required by the Department of State Police into the Youth Gang*
13 *File of the Virginia Crime Information Network. The entry shall be made as soon as practicable after*
14 *the determination is made.*

15 *For purposes of this section "youth gang" means an ongoing organization, association or group (i)*
16 *having common characteristics, including but not limited to initiation practices, hand signals, structured*
17 *style of dress, specific geographic territorial claim or identifiable leadership and (ii) consisting of three*
18 *or more individuals, at least one of whom is a juvenile, who identify themselves as a group by a name*
19 *or symbol and are involved in a pattern of recurrent felonious criminal conduct.*

20 **2. That prior to July 1, 1997, the Department of State Police shall develop policies and procedures**
21 **governing implementation of this act, which shall include but not be limited to procedures for**
22 **expunging information found to have been erroneously included.**

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