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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2121

Offered January 15, 1997

A *BILL* to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 9-173.8:1, relating to court-appointed special advocates; requirements for appointment.

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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 9-173.8:1 as follows:****§ 9-173.8:1. Fingerprinting required.**

*As a condition of the appointment of an advocate, each local program shall require every applicant to submit to fingerprinting and to provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded along with the applicant's fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding such applicant.*

*The Central Criminal Records Exchange, upon receipt of an applicant's record or notification that no record exists, shall report to the local program whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of murder, abduction for immoral purposes as set out in § 18.2-48, sexual assault as set out in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, failing to secure medical attention for an injured child, pandering as set out in § 18.2-355, crimes against nature involving children as set out in § 18.2-361, taking indecent liberties with children as set out in § 18.2-370 or § 18.2-370.1, neglect of children as set out in § 18.2-371.1, or obscenity offenses as set out in § 18.2-374.1 or § 18.2-379, possession or distribution of drugs as set out in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2, arson as set out in Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony as set out in § 18.2-53.1, or an equivalent offense in another state. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall not disclose information to the local program regarding charges or convictions of any crimes not specified in this section. If an applicant is denied employment because of information appearing on his criminal history record, the local program shall provide a copy of the information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the applicant. The information provided to the local program shall not be disseminated except as provided in this section.*

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