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HOUSE BILL NO. 2546

Offered January 20, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 16.1-241.2, 16.1-248.1, 16.1-250, 16.1-250.1, 16.1-252, 16.1-268, 16.1-277, 16.1-278.1, 16.1-282, 16.1-301, 16.1-302.1, 16.1-323, 63.1-204.2, 63.1-210.1, 63.1-219.2, and 63.1-248.9 of the Code of Virginia and §§ 16.1-228, 16.1-241, 16.1-243, 16.1-247, 16.1-260, 16.1-263, 16.1-266, 16.1-267, 16.1-269.1, 16.1-278.2, 16.1-278.3, 16.1-278.4, 16.1-278.5, 16.1-278.8, 16.1-281, 16.1-300, 16.1-302, 16.1-305, 63.1-204, 63.1-204.1, and 63.1-248.6 of the Code of Virginia, as they are effective and as they may become effective, relating to the use of the terms parent, guardian, legal custodian and person standing in loco parentis in Title 16.1 and Title 63.1 of the Code of Virginia and in the Interstate Compact Relating to Juveniles and the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

Patrons—Mims, Cantor, Cunningham, Davies, Howell, Jones, J.C. and Watts

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 16.1-241.2, 16.1-248.1, 16.1-250, 16.1-250.1, 16.1-252, 16.1-268, 16.1-277, 16.1-278.1, 16.1-282, 16.1-301, 16.1-302.1, 16.1-323, 63.1-204.2, 63.1-210.1, 63.1-219.2, and 63.1-248.9 of the Code of Virginia and §§ 16.1-228, 16.1-241, 16.1-243, 16.1-247, 16.1-260, 16.1-263, 16.1-266, 16.1-267, 16.1-269.1, 16.1-278.2, 16.1-278.3, 16.1-278.4, 16.1-278.5, 16.1-278.8, 16.1-281, 16.1-300, 16.1-302, 16.1-305, 63.1-204, 63.1-204.1, and 63.1-248.6 of the Code of Virginia, as they are effective and as they may become effective, are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 16.1-228. Definitions.

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"Abused or neglected child" means any child:

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2. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care neglects or refuses to provide care necessary for his health; however, no child who in good faith is under treatment solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination shall for that reason alone be considered to be an abused or neglected child;

3. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care abandons such child;

4. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care commits or allows to be committed any sexual act upon a child in violation of the law; or

5. Who is without parental care or guardianship caused by the unreasonable absence or the mental or physical incapacity of the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis.

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"Child welfare agency" means a child-placing agency, child-caring institution or independent foster home as defined in § 63.1-195.

"Child in need of services" means a child whose behavior, conduct or condition presents or results in a serious threat to the well-being and physical safety of the child; however, no child who in good faith is under treatment solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination shall for that reason alone be considered to be a child in need of services, nor shall any child who habitually remains away from or habitually deserts or abandons his family as a result of what the court or the local child protective services unit determines to

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60 be incidents of physical, emotional or sexual abuse in the home be considered a child in need of  
61 services for that reason alone.

62 However, to find that a child falls within these provisions, (i) the conduct complained of must  
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64 of treatment, rehabilitation or services not presently being received, and (iii) the intervention of the court  
65 is essential to provide the treatment, rehabilitation or services needed by the child or his family.

66 "Child in need of supervision" means:

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73 2. A child who, without reasonable cause and without the consent of his ~~parent, lawful custodian~~  
74 *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis* or placement authority,  
75 remains away from or habitually deserts or abandons his ~~family or lawful custodian~~ *parents, guardian,*  
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81 "The court" or the "juvenile court" or the "juvenile and domestic relations court" means the juvenile  
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83 "Delinquent act" means (i) an act designated a crime under the law of this Commonwealth, or an  
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85 § 18.2-308.7 or (iii) a violation of a court order as provided for in § 16.1-292, but shall not include an  
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92 been terminated under the provisions of § 16.1-269.6.

93 "Department" means the Department of Juvenile Justice and "Director" means the administrative head  
94 in charge thereof or such of his assistants and subordinates as are designated by him to discharge the  
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106 (vi) any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous twelve months, cohabited with the person,  
107 and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with the person.

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110 in need of services as defined in this section and his family when the child (i) has been identified as  
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113 community policy and management team and the parents or guardians where legal custody remains with  
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281 § 16.1-241. Jurisdiction.

282 The judges of the juvenile and domestic relations district court elected or appointed under this law  
283 shall be conservators of the peace within the corporate limits of the cities and the boundaries of the  
284 counties for which they are respectively chosen and within one mile beyond the limits of such cities and  
285 counties. Except as hereinafter provided, each juvenile and domestic relations district court shall have,  
286 within the limits of the territory for which it is created, exclusive original jurisdiction, and within one  
287 mile beyond the limits of said city or county, concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile court or courts of  
288 the adjoining city or county over all cases, matters and proceedings involving:

289 A. The custody, visitation, support, control or disposition of a child:

290 1. Who is alleged to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision, a status  
291 offender, or delinquent except where the jurisdiction of the juvenile court has been terminated or  
292 divested;

293 2. Who is abandoned by his ~~parent or other custodian~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other*  
294 *person standing in loco parentis* or who by reason of the absence or physical or mental incapacity of his  
295 parents is without parental care and guardianship;

296 2a. Who is at risk of being abused or neglected by a ~~parent or custodian~~ *his parents, guardian, legal*  
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298 neglected another child in the care of the ~~parent or custodian~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other*  
299 *person standing in loco parentis*;

300 3. Whose custody, visitation or support is a subject of controversy or requires determination. In such  
301 cases jurisdiction shall be concurrent with and not exclusive of courts having equity jurisdiction, except  
302 as provided in § 16.1-244;

303 4. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204  
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305 5. Where the termination of residual parental rights and responsibilities is sought. In such cases

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308 6. Who is charged with a traffic infraction as defined in § 46.2-100.

309 In any case in which the juvenile is alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony enumerated  
310 in subsection B of § 16.1-269.1, and for any charges ancillary thereto, the jurisdiction of the juvenile  
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320 court following a preliminary hearing pursuant to subsection B or C of § 16.1-269.1 to certify a charge  
321 to the grand jury shall divest the juvenile court of jurisdiction over the charge and any ancillary charge.  
322 In any case in which a transfer hearing is held pursuant to subsection A of § 16.1-269.1, if the juvenile  
323 court determines to transfer the case, jurisdiction of the juvenile court over the case shall be divested as  
324 provided in § 16.1-269.6.

325 In all other cases involving delinquent acts, and in cases in which an ancillary charge remains after a  
326 violent juvenile felony charge has been dismissed or a violent juvenile felony has been reduced to a  
327 lesser offense not constituting a violent juvenile felony, the jurisdiction of the juvenile court shall not be  
328 divested unless there is a transfer pursuant to subsection A of § 16.1-269.1.

329 The authority of the juvenile court to adjudicate matters involving the custody, visitation, support,  
330 control or disposition of a child shall not be limited to the consideration of petitions filed by a mother,  
331 father or legal guardian but shall include petitions filed at any time by any party with a legitimate  
332 interest therein. A party with a legitimate interest shall be broadly construed and shall include, but not  
333 be limited to, grandparents, stepparents, former stepparents, blood relatives and family members. A party  
334 with a legitimate interest shall not include any person (i) whose parental rights have been involuntarily  
335 terminated by court order if the child subsequently has been legally adopted, or (ii) who has been  
336 convicted of a violation of subsection A of § 18.2-61 or subsection B of § 18.2-366 when the child who  
337 is the subject of the petition was conceived as a result of such violation. The authority of the juvenile  
338 court to consider a petition involving the custody of a child shall not be proscribed or limited where the  
339 child has previously been awarded to the custody of a local board of social services.

340 B. The admission of minors for inpatient treatment in a mental health facility in accordance with the  
341 provisions of Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) of this chapter and the commitment of a mentally ill person  
342 or judicial certification of eligibility for admission to a treatment facility of a mentally retarded person  
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344 Jurisdiction of the commitment and certification of adults shall be concurrent with the general district  
345 court.

346 C. Except as provided in subsections D and H hereof, judicial consent to such activities as may  
347 require parental consent may be given for a child who has been separated from his parents, guardian,  
348 legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and is in the custody of the court when such  
349 consent is required by law.

350 D. Judicial consent for emergency surgical or medical treatment for a child who is neither married  
351 nor has ever been married, when the consent of his parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person  
352 standing in loco parentis is unobtainable because such parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person  
353 standing in loco parentis (i) is not a resident of this Commonwealth, (ii) his whereabouts is unknown,  
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355 such consent or provide such treatment when requested by the judge to do so.

356 E. Any person charged with deserting, abandoning or failing to provide support for any person in  
357 violation of law.

358 F. Any parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis, *including family or*  
359 *other household member* of a child:

360 1. Who has been abused or neglected;

361 2. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204  
362 or is otherwise before the court pursuant to subdivision A 4 of this section;

363 3. Who has been adjudicated in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, if the court  
364 finds that such person has by overt act or omission induced, caused, encouraged or contributed to the  
365 conduct of the child complained of in the petition.

366 G. Petitions filed by or on behalf of a child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other  
367 person standing in loco parentis for the purpose of obtaining treatment, rehabilitation or other services

368 which are required by law to be provided for that child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian  
 369 or other person standing in loco parentis. Jurisdiction in such cases shall be concurrent with and not  
 370 exclusive of that of courts having equity jurisdiction as provided in § 16.1-244.

371 H. Judicial consent to apply for work permit for a child when such child is separated from his  
 372 parents, legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis.

373 I. The prosecution and punishment of persons charged with ill-treatment, abuse, abandonment or  
 374 neglect of children or with any violation of law which causes or tends to cause a child to come within  
 375 the purview of this law, or with any other offense against the person of a child. In prosecution for  
 376 felonies over which the court has jurisdiction, jurisdiction shall be limited to determining whether or not  
 377 there is probable cause.

378 J. All offenses in which one family or household member is charged with an offense in which  
 379 another family or household member is the victim and all offenses under § 18.2-49.1.

380 In prosecution for felonies over which the court has jurisdiction, jurisdiction shall be limited to  
 381 determining whether or not there is probable cause. Any objection based on jurisdiction under this  
 382 subsection shall be made before a jury is impaneled and sworn in a jury trial or, in a nonjury trial,  
 383 before the earlier of when the court begins to hear or receive evidence or the first witness is sworn, or it  
 384 shall be conclusively waived for all purposes. Any such objection shall not affect or be grounds for  
 385 challenging directly or collaterally the jurisdiction of the court in which the case is tried. For purposes  
 386 of this subsection, "family or household member," as defined in § 16.1-228, shall also be construed to  
 387 include parent and child, stepparent and stepchild, brothers and sisters, and grandparent and grandchild,  
 388 regardless of whether such persons reside in the same home.

389 K. Petitions filed by a natural parent, whose parental rights to a child have been voluntarily  
 390 relinquished pursuant to a court proceeding, to seek a reversal of the court order terminating such  
 391 parental rights. No such petition shall be accepted, however, after the child has been placed in the home  
 392 of adoptive parents.

393 L. Any person who seeks spousal support after having separated from his spouse. A decision under  
 394 this subdivision shall not be res judicata in any subsequent action for spousal support in a circuit court.  
 395 A circuit court shall have concurrent original jurisdiction in all causes of action under this subdivision.

396 M. Petitions filed for the purpose of obtaining an order of protection pursuant to § 16.1-253.1 or  
 397 § 16.1-279.1.

398 N. Any person who escapes or remains away without proper authority from a residential care facility  
 399 in which he had been placed by the court or as a result of his commitment to the Virginia Department  
 400 of Juvenile Justice.

401 O. Petitions for emancipation of a minor pursuant to Article 15 (§ 16.1-331 et seq.) of this chapter.

402 P. Petitions for enforcement of administrative support orders entered pursuant to Chapter 13  
 403 (§ 63.1-249 et seq.) of Title 63.1, or by another state in the same manner as if the orders were entered  
 404 by a juvenile and domestic relations district court upon the filing of a certified copy of such order in the  
 405 juvenile and domestic relations district court.

406 Q. Petitions for a determination of parentage pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (§ 20-49.1 et seq.) of Title 20.

407 R. Petitions for the purpose of obtaining an emergency protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.4.

408 S. Petitions filed by school boards against parents pursuant to §§ 16.1-241.2 and 22.1-279.3.

409 T. Petitions to enforce any request for information or subpoena that is not complied with or to  
 410 review any refusal to issue a subpoena in an administrative appeal regarding child abuse and neglect  
 411 pursuant to § 63.1-248.6:1.

412 U. Petitions filed in connection with parental placement adoption consent hearings, pursuant to  
 413 § 63.1-220.3. Such proceedings shall be advanced on the docket so as to be heard by the court within  
 414 ten days of filing of the petition, or as soon thereafter as practicable so as to provide the earliest  
 415 possible disposition.

416 The ages specified in this law refer to the age of the child at the time of the acts complained of in  
 417 the petition.

418 Notwithstanding any other provision of law no fees shall be charged by a sheriff for the service of  
 419 any process in a proceeding pursuant to subdivision 3 of subsection A or subsection B, D, M or R of  
 420 this section.

421 § 16.1-241. (Delayed effective date) Jurisdiction.

422 The judges of the family court elected or appointed under this law shall be conservators of the peace  
 423 within the corporate limits of the cities and the boundaries of the counties for which they are  
 424 respectively chosen and within one mile beyond the limits of such cities and counties. Except as  
 425 hereinafter provided, each family court shall have, within the limits of the territory for which it is  
 426 created, exclusive original jurisdiction, and within one mile beyond the limits of said city or county,  
 427 concurrent jurisdiction with the family court or courts of the adjoining city or county over all cases,  
 428 matters and proceedings involving:

429 A. The custody, visitation, support, control or disposition of a child:

430 1. Who is alleged to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision, a status  
431 offender, or delinquent; except where the jurisdiction of the family court has been terminated or  
432 divested;

433 2. Who is abandoned by his ~~parent or other custodian~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, or other*  
434 *person standing in loco parentis* or who by reason of the absence or physical or mental incapacity of his  
435 parents is without parental care and guardianship;

436 2a. Who is at risk of being abused or neglected by a ~~parent or custodian~~ *his parents, guardian, legal*  
437 *custodian, or other person standing in loco parentis* who has been adjudicated as having abused or  
438 neglected another child in the care of the ~~parent or custodian~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, or*  
439 *other person standing in loco parentis*;

440 3. Whose custody, visitation or support is a subject of controversy or requires determination;

441 4. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204  
442 or whose parent or parents for good cause desire to be relieved of his care and custody;

443 5. Where the termination of residual parental rights and responsibilities is sought;

444 6. Who is charged with a traffic infraction as defined in § 46.2-100.

445 In any case in which the juvenile is alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony enumerated  
446 in subsection B of § 16.1-269.1, and for any charges ancillary thereto, the jurisdiction of the family  
447 court shall be limited to conducting a preliminary hearing to determine if there is probable cause to  
448 believe that the juvenile committed the act alleged and that the juvenile was fourteen years of age or  
449 older at the time of the commission of the alleged offense, and any matters related thereto. In any case  
450 in which the juvenile is alleged to have committed a violent juvenile felony enumerated in subsection C  
451 of § 16.1-269.1, and for all charges ancillary thereto, if the attorney for the Commonwealth has given  
452 notice as provided in subsection C of § 16.1-269.1, the jurisdiction of the family court shall be limited  
453 to conducting a preliminary hearing to determine if there is probable cause to believe that the juvenile  
454 committed the act alleged and that the juvenile was fourteen years of age or older at the time of the  
455 commission of the alleged offense, and any matters related thereto. A determination by the family court  
456 following a preliminary hearing pursuant to subsection B or C of § 16.1-269.1 to certify a charge to the  
457 grand jury shall divest the family court of jurisdiction over the charge and any ancillary charge. In any  
458 case in which a transfer hearing is held pursuant to subsection A of § 16.1-269.1, if the family court  
459 determines to transfer the case, jurisdiction of the family court over the case shall be divested as  
460 provided in § 16.1-269.6.

461 In all other cases involving delinquent acts, and in cases in which an ancillary charge remains after a  
462 violent juvenile felony charge has been dismissed or a violent juvenile felony has been reduced to a  
463 lesser offense not constituting a violent juvenile felony, the jurisdiction of the family court shall not be  
464 divested unless there is a transfer pursuant to subsection A of § 16.1-269.1.

465 The authority of the family court to adjudicate matters involving the custody, visitation, support,  
466 control or disposition of a child shall not be limited to the consideration of petitions filed by a mother,  
467 father or legal guardian but shall include petitions filed at any time by any party with a legitimate  
468 interest therein. A party with a legitimate interest shall be broadly construed and shall include, but not  
469 be limited to, grandparents, stepparents, former stepparents, blood relatives and family members. A party  
470 with a legitimate interest shall not include any person (i) whose parental rights have been involuntarily  
471 terminated by court order if the child subsequently has been legally adopted, or (ii) who has been  
472 convicted of a violation of subsection A of § 18.2-61 or subsection B of § 18.2-366 when the child who  
473 is the subject of the petition was conceived as a result of such violation. The authority of the family  
474 court to consider a petition involving the custody of a child shall not be proscribed or limited where the  
475 child has previously been awarded to the custody of a local board of social services.

476 B. The admission of minors for inpatient treatment in a mental health facility in accordance with the  
477 provisions of Article 16 (§ 16.1-335 et seq.) of this chapter and the commitment of a mentally ill person  
478 or judicial certification of eligibility for admission to a treatment facility of a mentally retarded person  
479 in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 1 (§ 37.1-1 et seq.) and 2 (§ 37.1-63 et seq.) of Title 37.1.  
480 Jurisdiction of the commitment and certification of adults shall be concurrent with the general district  
481 court.

482 C. Except as provided in subsections D and H hereof, judicial consent to such activities as may  
483 require parental consent may be given for a child who has been separated from his parents, guardian,  
484 legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and is in the custody of the court when such  
485 consent is required by law.

486 D. Judicial consent for emergency surgical or medical treatment for a child who is neither married  
487 nor has ever been married, when the consent of his parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person  
488 standing in loco parentis is unobtainable because such parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person  
489 standing in loco parentis (i) is not a resident of this Commonwealth, (ii) his whereabouts is unknown,  
490 (iii) cannot be consulted with promptness, reasonable under the circumstances or (iv) fails to give such

491 consent or provide such treatment when requested by the judge to do so.

492 E. Any person charged with deserting, abandoning or failing to provide support for any person in  
493 violation of law pursuant to Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et seq.) of Title 20.

494 F. Any parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis, *including family or*  
495 *other household member* of a child:

496 1. Who has been abused or neglected;

497 2. Who is the subject of an entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204  
498 or is otherwise before the court pursuant to subdivision A 4 of this section;

499 3. Who has been adjudicated in need of services, in need of supervision, or delinquent, if the court  
500 finds that such person has by overt act or omission induced, caused, encouraged or contributed to the  
501 conduct of the child complained of in the petition.

502 G. Petitions filed by or on behalf of a child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other  
503 person standing in loco parentis for the purpose of obtaining treatment, rehabilitation or other services  
504 which are required by law to be provided for that child or such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian  
505 or other person standing in loco parentis.

506 H. Judicial consent to apply for work permit for a child when such child is separated from his  
507 parents, legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis.

508 I. The prosecution and punishment of persons charged with ill-treatment, abuse, abandonment or  
509 neglect of children or with any violation of law which causes or tends to cause a child to come within  
510 the purview of this law, or with any other offense against the person of a child. In prosecution for  
511 felonies over which the court has jurisdiction, jurisdiction shall be limited to determining whether or not  
512 there is probable cause.

513 J. All offenses in which one family or household member is charged with an offense in which  
514 another family or household member is the victim and all offenses under § 18.2-49.1.

515 In prosecution for felonies over which the court has jurisdiction, jurisdiction shall be limited to  
516 determining whether or not there is probable cause. Any objection based on jurisdiction under this  
517 subsection shall be made before a jury is impaneled and sworn in a jury trial or, in a nonjury trial,  
518 before the earlier of when the court begins to hear or receive evidence or the first witness is sworn, or it  
519 shall be conclusively waived for all purposes. Any such objection shall not affect or be grounds for  
520 challenging directly or collaterally the jurisdiction of the court in which the case is tried. For purposes  
521 of this subsection, "family or household member," as defined in § 16.1-228, shall also be construed to  
522 include parent and child, stepparent and stepchild, brothers and sisters, and grandparent and grandchild,  
523 regardless of whether such persons reside in the same home.

524 K. Petitions filed by a natural parent, whose parental rights to a child have been voluntarily  
525 relinquished pursuant to a court proceeding, to seek a reversal of the court order terminating such  
526 parental rights. No such petition shall be accepted, however, after the child has been placed in the home  
527 of adoptive parents.

528 L. Any person who seeks spousal support after having separated from his spouse.

529 M. Petitions filed for the purpose of obtaining an order of protection pursuant to § 16.1-253.1 or  
530 § 16.1-279.1.

531 N. Any person who escapes or remains away without proper authority from a residential care facility  
532 in which he had been placed by the court or as a result of his commitment to the Virginia Department  
533 of Juvenile Justice.

534 O. Petitions for emancipation of a minor pursuant to Article 15 (§ 16.1-331 et seq.) of this chapter.

535 P. Petitions for enforcement of administrative support orders entered pursuant to Chapter 13  
536 (§ 63.1-249 et seq.) of Title 63.1, or by another state in the same manner as if the orders were entered  
537 by a family court upon the filing of a certified copy of such order in the family court.

538 Q. Petitions for a determination of parentage pursuant to Chapter 3.1 (§ 20-49.1 et seq.) of Title 20.

539 R. Petitions for the purpose of obtaining an emergency protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.4.

540 S. Suits for divorce and for annulling or affirming marriage in accordance with Title 20.

541 T. Suits for separate maintenance.

542 U. Suits for equitable distribution based on a foreign decree in accordance with § 20-107.3.

543 V. Petitions for adoption.

544 W. Petitions for change of name when incident to suits for annulling or affirming marriage, divorce,  
545 or adoption or when ancillary to any action within the jurisdiction of the family court.

546 X. Petitions regarding records of birth pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 32.1-249 et seq.) of Title 32.1.

547 Y. Judicial review of school board actions pursuant to § 22.1-87 and of hearing officer decisions  
548 pursuant to §§ 22.1-214 and 22.1-214.1.

549 Z. Petitions filed by school boards against parents pursuant to §§ 16.1-241.2 and 22.1-279.3.

550 AA. Petitions to enforce any request for information or subpoena that is not complied with or to  
551 review any refusal to issue a subpoena in an administrative appeal regarding child abuse and neglect

552 pursuant to § 63.1-248.6:1.

553 BB. Petitions filed in connection with parental placement adoption consent hearings, pursuant to  
 554 § 63.1-220.3. Such proceedings shall be advanced on the docket so as to be heard by the court within  
 555 ten days of filing of the petition, or as soon thereafter as practicable so as to provide the earliest  
 556 possible disposition.

557 The ages specified in this law refer to the age of the child at the time of the acts complained of in  
 558 the petition.

559 Notwithstanding any other provision of law no fees shall be charged by a sheriff for the service of  
 560 any process in a proceeding pursuant to subdivision 3 of subsection A or subsection B, D, M or R of  
 561 this section.

562 § 16.1-241.2. Proceedings against certain parents.

563 A. Upon the failure of a parent to comply with the provisions of § 22.1-279.3, the school board may,  
 564 by petition to the juvenile and domestic relations court, proceed against such parent for willful and  
 565 unreasonable refusal to participate in efforts to improve the student's behavior as follows:

566 1. If the court finds that the parent has willfully and unreasonably failed to meet, pursuant to a  
 567 request of the principal as set forth in subsection D of § 22.1-279.3, to review the school board's  
 568 standards of student conduct and the parent's responsibility to assist the school in disciplining the student  
 569 and maintaining order and to discuss improvement of the child's behavior and educational progress, it  
 570 may order the parent to so meet; or

571 2. If the court finds that the parent has willfully and unreasonably failed to accompany a suspended  
 572 student to meet with school officials pursuant to subsection F of § 22.1-279.3, or upon the student  
 573 receiving a second suspension or being expelled, it may order (i) the student or his parent to participate  
 574 in such programs or such treatment as the court deems appropriate to improve the student's behavior or  
 575 (ii) the student or his parent to be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court deems  
 576 appropriate for the supervision, care, and rehabilitation of the student or his parent; in addition, the court  
 577 may order the parent to pay a civil penalty not to exceed \$500.

578 The court shall not use its contempt power to enforce any order entered under this section.

579 B. The civil penalties established pursuant to this section shall be enforceable in the juvenile and  
 580 domestic relations court or its successor in interest in which the student's school is located and shall be  
 581 paid into a fund maintained by the appropriate local governing body to support programs or treatments  
 582 designed to improve the behavior of students as described in subdivision 3 of subsection G of  
 583 § 22.1-279.3. Upon the failure to pay any civil penalties imposed by this section and § 22.1-279.3, the  
 584 attorney for the appropriate county, city, or town shall enforce the collection of such civil penalties.

585 C. For the purposes of this section and § 22.1-279.3, "parent" or "parents" means any parent,  
 586 guardian, legal custodian, or other person ~~having control or charge of a child~~ *standing in loco parentis*.

587 § 16.1-243. Venue.

588 A. Original venue:

589 1. Cases involving children, other than support or where protective order issued: Proceedings with  
 590 respect to children under this law, except support proceedings as provided in subdivision 2 of this  
 591 subsection or family abuse proceedings as provided in subdivision 3 of this subsection, shall:

592 a. Delinquency: If delinquency is alleged, be commenced in the city or county where the acts  
 593 constituting the alleged delinquency occurred or they may, with the written consent of the child and the  
 594 attorney for the Commonwealth for both jurisdictions, be commenced in the city or county where the  
 595 child resides;

596 b. Custody or visitation: In cases involving custody or visitation, be commenced in the court of the  
 597 city or county which, in order of priority, (i) is the home of the child at the time of the filing of the  
 598 petition, or had been the home of the child within six months before the filing of the petition and the  
 599 child is absent from the city or county because of his removal or retention by a person claiming his  
 600 custody or for other reasons, and a parent ~~or person acting as a parent~~, *guardian, legal custodian, or*  
 601 *other person standing in loco parentis* continues to live in the city or county, (ii) has significant  
 602 connection with the child and in which there is substantial evidence concerning the child's present or  
 603 future care, protection, training and personal relationships, (iii) is where the child is physically present  
 604 and the child has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the child because he has  
 605 been subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected or dependent or  
 606 (iv) it is in the best interest of the child for the court to assume jurisdiction as no other city or county is  
 607 an appropriate venue under the preceding provisions of this subdivision;

608 c. Adoption: In parental placement adoption consent hearings pursuant to §§ 16.1-241 and 63.1-220.3,  
 609 be commenced (i) in the city or county where the child to be adopted was born, (ii) in the city or  
 610 county where the birth parent(s) reside, or (iii) in the city or county where the prospective adoptive  
 611 parent(s) reside; and

612 d. All other cases: In all other proceedings, be commenced in the city or county where the child  
 613 resides or in the city or county where the child is present when the proceedings are commenced.

614 2. Support: Proceedings that involve child or spousal support or child and spousal support, exclusive  
615 of proceedings arising under Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et seq.) of Title 20, shall be commenced in the city or  
616 county where either party resides or in the city or county where the respondent is present when the  
617 proceeding commences.

618 3. Family abuse: Proceedings in which an order of protection is sought as a result of family abuse  
619 shall be commenced where (i) either party has his or her principal residence (ii) the abuse occurred or  
620 (iii) a protective order was issued if at the time the proceeding is commenced the order is in effect to  
621 protect the petitioner or a family or household member of the petitioner.

622 B. Transfer of venue:

623 1. Generally: Except in custody, visitation and support cases, if the child resides in a city or county  
624 of the Commonwealth and the proceeding is commenced in a court of another city or county, that court  
625 may at any time, on its own motion or a motion of a party for good cause shown, transfer the  
626 proceeding to the city or county of the child's residence for such further action or proceedings as the  
627 court receiving the transfer may deem proper. However, such transfer may occur only after adjudication  
628 in delinquency proceedings.

629 2. Custody and visitation: In custody and visitation cases, if venue lies in one of several cities or  
630 counties, the court in which the motion for transfer is made shall determine which such city or county is  
631 the most appropriate venue unless the parties mutually agree to the selection of venue. In the  
632 consideration of the motion, the best interests of the child shall determine the most appropriate forum.

633 3. Support: In support proceedings, exclusive of proceedings arising under Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et  
634 seq.) of Title 20, if the respondent resides in a city or county in the Commonwealth and the proceeding  
635 is commenced in a court of another city or county, that court may, at any time on its own motion or a  
636 motion of a party for good cause shown or by agreement of the parties, transfer the proceeding to the  
637 city or county of the respondent's residence for such further action or proceedings as the court receiving  
638 the transfer may deem proper. For the purposes of determining venue of cases involving support, the  
639 respondent's residence shall include any city or county in which the respondent has resided within the  
640 last six months prior to the commencement of the proceeding or in which the respondent is residing at  
641 the time that the motion for transfer of venue is made. If venue is transferable to one of several cities or  
642 counties, the court in which the motion for transfer is made shall determine which such city or county is  
643 the most appropriate venue unless the parties mutually agree to the selection of such venue.

644 When the support proceeding is a companion case to a child custody or visitation proceeding, the  
645 provisions governing venue in the proceeding involving the child's custody or visitation shall govern.

646 4. Subsequent transfers: Any court receiving a transferred proceeding as provided in this section may  
647 in its discretion transfer such proceeding to a court in an appropriate venue for good cause shown based  
648 either upon changes in circumstances or mistakes of fact or upon agreement of the parties. In any  
649 transfer of venue in cases involving children, the best interests of the child shall be considered in  
650 deciding if and to which court a transfer of venue would be appropriate.

651 5. Enforcement of orders for support, maintenance and custody: Any juvenile and domestic relations  
652 district court to which a suit is transferred for enforcement of orders pertaining to support, maintenance,  
653 care or custody pursuant to § 20-79 (c) may transfer the case as provided in this section.

654 C. Records: Originals of all legal and social records pertaining to the case shall accompany the  
655 transfer of venue. The transferor court may, in its discretion, retain such copies as it deems appropriate.

656 § 16.1-243. (Delayed effective date) Venue.

657 A. Original venue:

658 1. Cases involving children, other than support or where protective order issued: Proceedings with  
659 respect to children under this law, except support proceedings as provided in subdivision 2 of this  
660 subsection or family abuse proceedings as provided in subdivision 3 of this subsection, shall:

661 a. Delinquency: If delinquency is alleged, be commenced in the city or county where the acts  
662 constituting the alleged delinquency occurred or they may, with the written consent of the child and the  
663 attorney for the Commonwealth for both jurisdictions, be commenced in the city or county where the  
664 child resides;

665 b. Custody or visitation: In cases involving custody or visitation, be commenced in the court of the  
666 city or county which, in order of priority, (i) is the home of the child at the time of the filing of the  
667 petition, or had been the home of the child within six months before the filing of the petition and the  
668 child is absent from the city or county because of his removal or retention by a person claiming his  
669 custody or for other reasons, and a parent ~~or person acting as a parent~~, guardian, legal custodian, or  
670 other person standing in loco parentis continues to live in the city or county, (ii) has significant  
671 connection with the child and in which there is substantial evidence concerning the child's present or  
672 future care, protection, training and personal relationships, (iii) is where the child is physically present  
673 and the child has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the child because he has  
674 been subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected or dependent or

675 (iv) it is in the best interest of the child for the court to assume jurisdiction as no other city or county is  
676 an appropriate venue under the preceding provisions of this subdivision;

677 c. Adoption: In parental placement adoption consent hearings pursuant to §§ 16.1-241 and 63.1-220.3,  
678 be commenced (i) in the city or county where the child to be adopted was born, (ii) in the city or  
679 county where the birth parent(s) reside, or (iii) in the city or county where the prospective adoptive  
680 parent(s) reside; and

681 d. All other cases: In all other proceedings, be commenced in the city or county where the child  
682 resides or in the city or county where the child is present when the proceedings are commenced.

683 2. Support: Proceedings that involve child or spousal support or child and spousal support, exclusive  
684 of proceedings arising under Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et seq.) of Title 20, shall be commenced in the city or  
685 county where either party resides or in the city or county where the respondent is present when the  
686 proceeding commences.

687 3. Family abuse: Proceedings in which an order of protection is sought as a result of family abuse  
688 shall be commenced where (i) either party has his or her principal residence, (ii) the abuse occurred or  
689 (iii) a protective order was issued if at the time the proceeding is commenced the order is in effect to  
690 protect the petitioner or a family or household member of the petitioner.

691 4. Divorce, annulment, affirmation, separate maintenance or equitable distribution: Suits for divorce,  
692 annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance or equitable distribution based on a foreign  
693 decree shall be governed by Chapter 5 (§ 8.01-257 et seq.) of Title 8.01.

694 5. Adoption: Proceedings for adoption shall be governed by §§ 63.1-221 and 63.1-222.

695 6. Emancipation: Proceedings for emancipation shall be governed by § 16.1-331.

696 7. Injunction: Proceedings to award an injunction shall be governed by Chapter 5 (§ 8.01-257 et seq.)  
697 of Title 8.01.

698 8. Change of name: Proceedings to change a name shall be governed by § 8.01-217.

699 B. Transfer of venue:

700 1. Generally: Except in custody, visitation and support cases, if the child resides in a city or county  
701 of the Commonwealth and the proceeding is commenced in a court of another city or county, that court  
702 may at any time, on its own initiative or a motion of a party for good cause shown, transfer the  
703 proceeding to the city or county of the child's residence for such further action or proceedings as the  
704 court receiving the transfer may deem proper. However, such transfer may occur only after adjudication  
705 in delinquency proceedings.

706 2. Custody and visitation: In custody and visitation cases, if venue lies in one of several cities or  
707 counties, the court in which the motion for transfer is made shall determine which such city or county is  
708 the most appropriate venue unless the parties mutually agree to the selection of venue. In the  
709 consideration of the motion, the best interests of the child shall determine the most appropriate forum.

710 3. Support: In support proceedings, exclusive of proceedings arising under Chapter 5 (§ 20-61 et  
711 seq.) of Title 20, if the respondent resides in a city or county in the Commonwealth and the proceeding  
712 is commenced in a court of another city or county, that court may, at any time on its own motion or a  
713 motion of a party for good cause shown or by agreement of the parties, transfer the proceeding to the  
714 city or county of the respondent's residence for such further action or proceedings as the court receiving  
715 the transfer may deem proper. For the purposes of determining venue of cases involving support, the  
716 respondent's residence shall include any city or county in which the respondent has resided within the  
717 last six months prior to the commencement of the proceeding or in which the respondent is residing at  
718 the time that the motion for transfer of venue is made. If venue is transferable to one of several cities or  
719 counties, the court in which the motion for transfer is made shall determine which such city or county is  
720 the most appropriate venue unless the parties mutually agree to the selection of such venue.

721 When the support proceeding is a companion case to a child custody or visitation proceeding, the  
722 provisions governing venue in the proceeding involving the child's custody or visitation shall govern.

723 4. Subsequent transfers: Any court receiving a transferred proceeding as provided in this section may  
724 in its discretion transfer such proceeding to a court in an appropriate venue for good cause shown based  
725 either upon changes in circumstances or mistakes of fact or upon agreement of the parties. In any  
726 transfer of venue in cases involving children, the best interests of the child shall be considered in  
727 deciding if and to which court a transfer of venue would be appropriate.

728 5. Enforcement of orders for support, maintenance and custody: Any family court to which a suit is  
729 transferred for enforcement of orders pertaining to support, maintenance, care or custody pursuant to  
730 § 20-79 (c) may transfer the case as provided in this section.

731 6. Transfer of venue in suits for divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance,  
732 or equitable distribution based on a foreign decree, or to award an injunction shall be governed by  
733 Chapter 5 (§ 8.01-257 et seq.) of Title 8.01 as these provisions relate to circuit court.

734 C. Records: Originals of all legal and social records pertaining to the case shall accompany the  
735 transfer of venue. The transferor court may, in its discretion, retain such copies as it deems appropriate.

736 § 16.1-247. Duties of person taking child into custody.

737 A. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 A, during such  
 738 hours as the court is open, shall, with all practicable speed, and in accordance with the provisions of this  
 739 law and the orders of court pursuant thereto, bring the child to the judge or intake officer of the court  
 740 and the judge, intake officer or arresting officer shall, in the most expeditious manner practicable, give  
 741 notice of the action taken, together with a statement of the reasons for taking the child into custody,  
 742 orally or in writing to the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
 743 parentis.

744 B. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsection B, C or D of  
 745 § 16.1-246, during such hours as the court is open, shall, with all practicable speed, and in accordance  
 746 with the provisions of this law and the orders of court pursuant thereto:

747 1. Release the child to such child's parents, guardian, *legal custodian, other person standing in loco*  
 748 *parentis* or other suitable person able and willing to provide supervision and care for such child and  
 749 issue oral counsel and warning as may be appropriate; or

750 2. Release the child to such child's parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
 751 parentis upon their promise to bring the child before the court when requested; or

752 3. If not released, bring the child to the judge or intake officer of the court and, in the most  
 753 expeditious manner practicable, give notice of the action taken, together with a statement of the reasons  
 754 for taking the child into custody, in writing to the judge or intake officer, and the judge, intake officer  
 755 or arresting officer shall give notice of the action taken orally or in writing to the child's parent,  
 756 guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis. Nothing herein shall prevent the  
 757 child from being held for the purpose of administering a blood or breath test to determine the alcoholic  
 758 content of his blood where the child has been taken into custody pursuant to § 18.2-266.

759 C. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsections E and F of  
 760 § 16.1-246, during such hours as the court is open, shall, with all practicable speed and in accordance  
 761 with the provisions of this law and the orders of court pursuant thereto:

762 1. Release the child to the institution, facility or home from which he ran away or escaped; or

763 2. If not released, bring the child to the judge or intake officer of the court and, in the most  
 764 expeditious manner practicable, give notice of the action taken, together with a statement of the reasons  
 765 for taking the child into custody, in writing to the judge or intake officer, and the judge, intake officer  
 766 or arresting officer shall give notice of the action taken orally or in writing to the institution, facility or  
 767 home in which the child had been placed and orally or in writing to the child's parent, guardian, legal  
 768 custodian or other person standing in loco parentis.

769 D. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 A, during such  
 770 hours as the court is not open, shall with all practicable speed and in accordance with the provisions of  
 771 this law and the orders of court pursuant thereto:

772 1. Release the child taken into custody pursuant to a warrant on bail or recognizance pursuant to  
 773 Chapter 9 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Title 19.2; or

774 2. Place the child in a detention home or in shelter care; or

775 3. Place the child in a jail subject to the provisions of § 16.1-249.

776 E. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsection B, C or D of  
 777 § 16.1-246 during such hours as the court is not open, shall:

778 1. Release the child pursuant to the provisions of subdivision B 1 or B 2 of this section; or

779 2. Release the child on bail or recognizance pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Title 19.2;

780 or

781 3. Place the child taken into custody pursuant to § 16.1-246 B in shelter care after the issuance of a  
 782 detention order pursuant to § 16.1-255; or

783 4. Place the child taken into custody pursuant to subsection C or D of § 16.1-246 in shelter care or  
 784 in a detention home after the issuance of a warrant by a magistrate; or

785 5. Place the child in a jail subject to the provisions of § 16.1-249 after the issuance of a warrant by a  
 786 magistrate; or

787 6. In addition to any other provisions of this subsection, detain the child for a reasonably necessary  
 788 period of time in order to administer a breath or blood test to determine the alcohol content of his  
 789 blood, if such child was taken into custody pursuant to § 18.2-266.

790 F. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 E, during such hours  
 791 as the court is not open, shall:

792 1. Release the child to the institution or facility from which he ran away or escaped; or

793 2. Detain the child in a detention home or in a jail subject to the provisions of § 16.1-249 after the  
 794 issuance of a warrant by a magistrate.

795 G. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 F, during such  
 796 hours as the court is not open, shall:

797 1. Release the child to the facility or home from which he ran away; or

798 2. Detain the child in shelter care after the issuance of a detention order pursuant to § 16.1-255 or  
799 after the issuance of a warrant by a magistrate.

800 H. If a parent, guardian ~~or other~~ *legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* fails, when  
801 requested, to bring the child before the court as provided in subdivisions B 2 and E 1 hereof, the court  
802 may issue a detention order directing that the child be taken into custody and be brought before the  
803 court.

804 I. A law-enforcement officer taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 G  
805 shall notify the intake officer of the juvenile court of the action taken. The intake officer shall determine  
806 if the child's conduct or situation is within the jurisdiction of the court and if a petition should be filed  
807 on behalf of the child. If the intake officer determines that a petition should not be filed, the  
808 law-enforcement officer shall as soon as practicable:

809 1. Return the child to his home;

810 2. Release the child to such child's parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
811 parentis;

812 3. Place the child in shelter care for a period not longer than twenty-four hours after the issuance of  
813 a detention order pursuant to § 16.1-255; or

814 4. Release the child.

815 During the period of detention authorized by this subsection no child shall be confined in any  
816 detention home, jail or other facility for the detention of adults.

817 J. If a child is taken into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsection B, F or G of § 16.1-246  
818 by a law-enforcement officer during such hours as the court is not in session and the child is not  
819 released or transferred to a facility or institution in accordance with subsection E, G, or I of this section,  
820 the child shall be held in custody only so long as is reasonably necessary to complete identification,  
821 investigation and processing. The child shall be held under visual supervision in a nonlocked,  
822 multipurpose area which is not designated for residential use. The child shall not be handcuffed or  
823 otherwise secured to a stationary object.

824 § 16.1-247. (Delayed effective date) Duties of person taking child into custody.

825 A. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 A, during such  
826 hours as the court is open, shall, with all practicable speed, and in accordance with the provisions of this  
827 law and the orders of court pursuant thereto, bring the child to the judge or intake officer of the court  
828 and the judge, intake officer or arresting officer shall, in the most expeditious manner practicable, give  
829 notice of the action taken, together with a statement of the reasons for taking the child into custody,  
830 orally or in writing to the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
831 parentis.

832 B. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsection B, C or D of  
833 § 16.1-246, during such hours as the court is open, shall, with all practicable speed, and in accordance  
834 with the provisions of this law and the orders of court pursuant thereto:

835 1. Release the child to such child's parents, guardian, *legal custodian, other person standing in loco*  
836 *parentis* or other suitable person able and willing to provide supervision and care for such child and  
837 issue oral counsel and warning as may be appropriate; or

838 2. Release the child to such child's parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
839 parentis upon their promise to bring the child before the court when requested; or

840 3. If not released, bring the child to the judge or intake officer of the court and, in the most  
841 expeditious manner practicable, give notice of the action taken, together with a statement of the reasons  
842 for taking the child into custody, in writing to the judge or intake officer, and the judge, intake officer  
843 or arresting officer shall give notice of the action taken orally or in writing to the child's parent,  
844 guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis. Nothing herein shall prevent the  
845 child from being held for the purpose of administering a blood or breath test to determine the alcoholic  
846 content of his blood where the child has been taken into custody pursuant to § 18.2-266.

847 C. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsections E and F of  
848 § 16.1-246, during such hours as the court is open, shall, with all practicable speed and in accordance  
849 with the provisions of this law and the orders of court pursuant thereto:

850 1. Release the child to the institution, facility or home from which he ran away or escaped; or

851 2. If not released, bring the child to the judge or intake officer of the court and, in the most  
852 expeditious manner practicable, give notice of the action taken, together with a statement of the reasons  
853 for taking the child into custody, in writing to the judge or intake officer, and the judge, intake officer  
854 or arresting officer shall give notice of the action taken orally or in writing to the institution, facility or  
855 home in which the child had been placed and orally or in writing to the child's parent, guardian, legal  
856 custodian or other person standing in loco parentis.

857 D. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 A, during such  
858 hours as the court is not open, shall with all practicable speed and in accordance with the provisions of  
859 this law and the orders of court pursuant thereto:

- 860 1. Release the child taken into custody pursuant to a warrant on bail or recognizance pursuant to  
861 Chapter 9 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Title 19.2; or
- 862 2. Place the child in a detention home or in shelter care; or
- 863 3. Place the child in a jail subject to the provisions of § 16.1-249.
- 864 E. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsection B, C or D of  
865 § 16.1-246 during such hours as the court is not open, shall:
- 866 1. Release the child pursuant to the provisions of subdivision B 1 or B 2 of this section; or
- 867 2. Release the child on bail or recognizance pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Title 19.2;
- 868 or
- 869 3. Place the child taken into custody pursuant to § 16.1-246 B in shelter care after the issuance of a  
870 detention order pursuant to § 16.1-255; or
- 871 4. Place the child taken into custody pursuant to subsection C or D of § 16.1-246 in shelter care or  
872 in a detention home after the issuance of a warrant by a magistrate; or
- 873 5. Place the child in a jail subject to the provisions of § 16.1-249 after the issuance of a warrant by a  
874 magistrate; or
- 875 6. In addition to any other provisions of this subsection, detain the child for a reasonably necessary  
876 period of time in order to administer a breath or blood test to determine the alcohol content of his  
877 blood, if such child was taken into custody pursuant to § 18.2-266.
- 878 F. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 E, during such hours  
879 as the court is not open, shall:
- 880 1. Release the child to the institution or facility from which he ran away or escaped; or
- 881 2. Detain the child in a detention home or in a jail subject to the provisions of § 16.1-249 after the  
882 issuance of a warrant by a magistrate.
- 883 G. A person taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 F, during such  
884 hours as the court is not open, shall:
- 885 1. Release the child to the facility or home from which he ran away; or
- 886 2. Detain the child in shelter care after the issuance of a detention order pursuant to § 16.1-255 or  
887 after the issuance of a warrant by a magistrate.
- 888 H. If a parent, guardian ~~or other~~, *legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* fails,  
889 when requested, to bring the child before the court as provided in subdivisions B 2 and E 1 hereof, the  
890 court may issue a detention order directing that the child be taken into custody and be brought before  
891 the court.
- 892 I. A law-enforcement officer taking a child into custody pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-246 G  
893 shall notify the intake officer of the family court of the action taken. The intake officer shall determine  
894 if the child's conduct or situation is within the jurisdiction of the court and if a petition should be filed  
895 on behalf of the child. If the intake officer determines that a petition should not be filed, the  
896 law-enforcement officer shall as soon as practicable:
- 897 1. Return the child to his home;
- 898 2. Release the child to such child's parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
899 parentis;
- 900 3. Place the child in shelter care for a period not longer than twenty-four hours after the issuance of  
901 a detention order pursuant to § 16.1-255; or
- 902 4. Release the child.
- 903 During the period of detention authorized by this subsection no child shall be confined in any  
904 detention home, jail or other facility for the detention of adults.
- 905 J. If a child is taken into custody pursuant to the provisions of subsection B, F or G of § 16.1-246  
906 by a law-enforcement officer during such hours as the court is not in session and the child is not  
907 released or transferred to a facility or institution in accordance with subsection E, G, or I of this section,  
908 the child shall be held in custody only so long as is reasonably necessary to complete identification,  
909 investigation and processing. The child shall be held under visual supervision in a nonlocked,  
910 multipurpose area which is not designated for residential use. The child shall not be handcuffed or  
911 otherwise secured to a stationary object.
- 912 § 16.1-248.1. Criteria for detention or shelter care.
- 913 A. A juvenile taken into custody whose case is considered by a judge, intake officer or magistrate  
914 pursuant to § 16.1-247 shall immediately be released, upon the ascertainment of the necessary facts, to  
915 the care, custody and control of such juvenile's parent, guardian, custodian or other suitable person able  
916 and willing to provide supervision and care for such juvenile, either on bail or recognizance pursuant to  
917 Chapter 9 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Title 19.2 or under such conditions as may be imposed or otherwise.  
918 However, a juvenile may be detained in a secure facility, pursuant to a detention order or warrant, only  
919 upon a finding by the judge, intake officer, or magistrate, that there is probable cause to believe that the  
920 juvenile committed the act alleged, and that at least one of the following conditions is met:

921 1. The juvenile is alleged to have committed an act which would be a felony or Class 1  
922 misdemeanor if committed by an adult, and there is clear and convincing evidence that:

923 a. Considering the seriousness of the current offense or offenses and other pending charges, the  
924 seriousness of prior adjudicated offenses, the legal status of the juvenile and any aggravating and  
925 mitigating circumstances, the release of the juvenile, constitutes an unreasonable danger to the person or  
926 property of others;

927 b. The release of the juvenile would present a clear and substantial threat of serious harm to such  
928 juvenile's life or health; or

929 c. The juvenile has threatened to abscond from the court's jurisdiction during the pendency of the  
930 instant proceedings or has a record of willful failure to appear at a court hearing within the immediately  
931 preceding twelve months.

932 2. The juvenile has absconded from a detention home or facility where he has been directed to  
933 remain by the lawful order of a judge or intake officer.

934 3. The juvenile is a fugitive from a jurisdiction outside the Commonwealth and subject to a verified  
935 petition or warrant, in which case such juvenile may be detained for a period not to exceed that  
936 provided for in § 16.1-323 while arrangements are made to return the juvenile to the lawful custody of a  
937 parent, guardian, *legal custodian* or other authority in another state.

938 4. The juvenile has failed to appear in court after having been duly served with a summons in any  
939 case in which it is alleged that the juvenile has committed a delinquent act or that the child is in need  
940 of services or is in need of supervision; however, a child alleged to be in need of services or in need of  
941 supervision may be detained for good cause pursuant to this subsection only until the next day upon  
942 which the court sits within the county or city in which the charge against the child is pending, and  
943 under no circumstances longer than seventy-two hours from the time he was taken into custody.

944 B. Any juvenile not meeting the criteria for placement in a secure facility shall be released to a  
945 parent, guardian, *legal custodian*, *other person standing in loco parentis* or other *suitable* person willing  
946 and able to provide supervision and care under such conditions as the judge, intake officer or magistrate  
947 may impose. However, a juvenile may be placed in shelter care if:

948 1. The juvenile is eligible for placement in a secure facility;

949 2. The juvenile has failed to adhere to the directions of the court, intake officer or magistrate while  
950 on conditional release;

951 3. The juvenile's parent, guardian, *legal custodian*, *other person standing in loco parentis* or other  
952 *suitable person willing and able* to provide supervision cannot be reached within a reasonable time;

953 4. The juvenile does not consent to return home;

954 5. Neither the juvenile's parent or guardian nor any other person able to provide proper supervision  
955 can arrive to assume custody within a reasonable time; or

956 6. The juvenile's parent or guardian refuses to permit the juvenile to return home and no relative or  
957 other person willing and able to provide proper supervision and care can be located within a reasonable  
958 time.

959 C. The criteria for continuing the juvenile in detention or shelter care as set forth in this section shall  
960 govern the decisions of all persons involved in determining whether the continued detention or shelter  
961 care is warranted pending court disposition. Such criteria shall be supported by clear and convincing  
962 evidence in support of the decision not to release the juvenile.

963 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive the court of its power to punish a juvenile  
964 summarily for contempt for acts set forth in § 18.2-456, other than acts of disobedience of the court's  
965 dispositional order which are committed outside the presence of the court.

966 E. A detention order may be issued pursuant to subdivision 2 of subsection A by the committing  
967 court or by the court in the jurisdiction from which the juvenile fled or where he was taken into  
968 custody.

969 § 16.1-250. Procedure for detention hearing.

970 A. When a child has been taken into immediate custody and not released as provided in § 16.1-247  
971 or § 16.1-248.1, such child shall appear before a judge on the next day on which the court sits within  
972 the county or city wherein the charge against the child is pending. In the event the court does not sit  
973 within the county or city on the following day, such child shall appear before a judge within a  
974 reasonable time, not to exceed seventy-two hours, after he has been taken into custody. If the  
975 seventy-two hour period expires on a Saturday, Sunday or other legal holiday, the seventy-two hours  
976 shall be extended to the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

977 B. The appearance of the child may be by (i) personal appearance before the judge or (ii) use of  
978 two-way electronic video and audio communication. If two-way electronic video and audio  
979 communication is used, a judge may exercise all powers conferred by law and all communications and  
980 proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if the appearance were in person, and any  
981 documents filed may be transmitted by electronically transmitted facsimile process. The facsimile may  
982 be served or executed by the officer or person to whom sent, and returned in the same manner, and with

983 the same force, effect, authority, and liability as an original document. All signatures thereon shall be  
984 treated as original signatures. Any two-way electronic video and audio communication system used for  
985 an appearance shall meet the standards as set forth in subsection B of § 19.2-3.1.

986 C. Notice of the detention hearing, either oral or written, stating the time, place and purpose of the  
987 hearing shall be given to the ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
988 parentis if he can be found, to the child if twelve years of age or over and to the attorney for the  
989 Commonwealth.

990 D. During the detention hearing, the judge shall advise the parties of the right to counsel pursuant to  
991 § 16.1-266. The parties shall be informed of the child's right to remain silent with respect to any  
992 allegation of delinquency and of the contents of the petition. The attorney for the Commonwealth shall  
993 be given the opportunity to be heard.

994 E. If the judge finds that there is not probable cause to believe that the child committed the  
995 delinquent act alleged, the court shall order his release. If the judge finds that there is probable cause to  
996 believe that the child committed the delinquent act alleged but that the full-time detention of a child  
997 who is alleged to be delinquent is not required, the court shall order his release, and in so doing, the  
998 court may impose one or more of the following conditions singly or in combination:

999 1. Place the child in the custody *and supervision* of a parent, guardian, legal custodian ~~or~~ , other  
1000 person standing in loco parentis ~~under their supervision~~, *other suitable person able and willing to*  
1001 *provide supervision and care*, or under the supervision of an organization or individual agreeing to  
1002 supervise him;

1003 2. Place restrictions on the child's travel, association or place of abode during the period of his  
1004 release;

1005 3. Impose any other condition deemed reasonably necessary and consistent with the criteria for  
1006 detaining children specified in § 16.1-248.1; or

1007 4. Release the child on bail or recognizance in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9  
1008 (§ 19.2-119 et seq.) of Title 19.2.

1009 F. An order releasing a child on any of the conditions specified in this section may, at any time, be  
1010 amended to impose additional or different conditions of release or to return the child who is alleged to  
1011 be delinquent to custody for failure to conform to the conditions previously imposed.

1012 G. All relevant and material evidence helpful in determining probable cause under this section or the  
1013 need for detention may be admitted by the court even though not competent in a hearing on the petition.

1014 H. If the child is not released and a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
1015 parentis is not notified and does not appear or does not waive appearance at the hearing, upon the  
1016 request of such person, the court shall rehear the matter on the next day on which the court sits within  
1017 the county or city wherein the charge against the child is pending. If the court does not sit within the  
1018 county or city on the following day, such hearing shall be held before a judge within a reasonable time,  
1019 not to exceed seventy-two hours, after the request.

1020 I. In considering probable cause under this section, if the court deems it necessary to summon  
1021 witnesses to assist in such determination then the hearing may be continued and the child remain in  
1022 detention, but in no event longer than three consecutive days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal  
1023 holidays.

1024 § 16.1-250.1. Appointment of counsel; detention review hearing.

1025 When a child is not released after a detention hearing held pursuant to § 16.1-250 and, at the time of  
1026 the detention hearing, the child was not represented by legal counsel, then the child shall be afforded the  
1027 opportunity to be represented by counsel prior to a detention review hearing.

1028 The court shall, upon request of counsel, rehear the matter as soon as is practicable but in no event  
1029 later than seventy-two hours after the request for the review hearing. During the hearing, the court shall  
1030 evaluate the need for continued detention of the child.

1031 Notice of the detention review hearing, either oral or written, stating the time, place and purpose of  
1032 the hearing shall be given to the ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in  
1033 loco parentis if he can be found, to the child's attorney, to the child if twelve years of age or over, and  
1034 to the attorney for the Commonwealth who shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

1035 § 16.1-252. Preliminary removal order; hearing.

1036 A. A preliminary removal order in cases in which a child is alleged to have been abused or  
1037 neglected may be issued by the court after a hearing wherein the court finds that reasonable efforts have  
1038 been made to prevent removal of the child from his home. The hearing shall be in the nature of a  
1039 preliminary hearing rather than a final determination of custody.

1040 B. Prior to the removal hearing, notice of the hearing shall be given at least twenty-four hours in  
1041 advance of the hearing to the guardian ad litem for the child, to the parents, guardian, legal custodian or  
1042 other person standing in loco parentis of the child and to the child if he or she is twelve years of age or  
1043 older. If notice to the parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis cannot

1044 be given despite diligent efforts to do so, the hearing shall be held nonetheless, and the parents,  
1045 guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis shall be afforded a later hearing on  
1046 their motion regarding a continuation of the summary removal order. The notice provided herein shall  
1047 include (i) the time, date and place for the hearing, (ii) a specific statement of the factual circumstances  
1048 which allegedly necessitate removal of the child, and (iii) notice that child support will be considered if  
1049 a determination is made that the child must be removed from the home.

1050 C. All parties to the hearing shall be informed of their right to counsel pursuant to § 16.1-266.

1051 D. At the removal hearing the child and his ~~parent~~ parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person  
1052 standing in loco parentis shall have the right to confront and cross-examine all adverse witnesses and  
1053 evidence and to present evidence on their own behalf. If the child is twelve years of age or under, the  
1054 child's attorney or guardian ad litem, or if the child has been committed to the custody of the  
1055 Department of Social Services, the local department of social services, may apply for an order from the  
1056 court that the child's testimony be taken in a room outside the courtroom and be televised by two-way  
1057 closed-circuit television. The provisions of § 63.1-248.13:1 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the use of  
1058 two-way closed-circuit television except that the person seeking the order shall apply for the order at  
1059 least forty-eight hours before the hearing, unless the court for good cause shown allows the application  
1060 to be made at a later time.

1061 E. In order for a preliminary order to issue or for an existing order to be continued, the petitioning  
1062 party or agency must prove:

1063 1. The child would be subjected to an imminent threat to life or health to the extent that severe or  
1064 irremediable injury would be likely to result if the child were returned to or left in the custody of his  
1065 parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis pending a final hearing on  
1066 the petition; and

1067 2. Reasonable efforts have been made to prevent removal of the child from his home and there are  
1068 no alternatives less drastic than removal of the child from his home which could reasonably and  
1069 adequately protect the child's life or health pending a final hearing on the petition. The alternatives less  
1070 drastic than removal may include but not be limited to the provision of medical, educational, psychiatric,  
1071 psychological, homemaking or other similar services to the child or family or the issuance of a  
1072 preliminary protective order pursuant to § 16.1-253.

1073 When a child is removed from his home and there is no reasonable opportunity to provide preventive  
1074 services, reasonable efforts to prevent removal shall be deemed to have been made.

1075 F. If the court determines that pursuant to subsection E hereof the removal of the child is proper, the  
1076 court shall:

1077 1. Order that the child be placed in the care and custody of a suitable person, with consideration  
1078 being given to placement in the care and custody of a nearest kin, including grandparents, or personal  
1079 friend or, if such placement is not available, in the care and custody of a suitable agency;

1080 2. Order that reasonable visitation be allowed between the child and his parents, guardian, legal  
1081 custodian or other person standing in loco parentis, if such visitation would not endanger the child's life  
1082 or health; and

1083 3. Order that the parent or other legally obligated person pay child support pursuant to § 16.1-290.

1084 G. A person having legal custody of a child as defined in § 16.1-228 (i) shall not be required to  
1085 comply with the requirements of this section in order to redetermine where and with whom the child  
1086 shall live, notwithstanding that the child had been placed with a natural parent.

1087 § 16.1-260. Intake; petition; investigation.

1088 A. All matters alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced by the filing of  
1089 a petition, except as provided in subsection H of this section and in § 16.1-259. The form and content of  
1090 the petition shall be as provided in § 16.1-262. No individual shall be required to obtain support services  
1091 from the Department of Social Services prior to filing a petition seeking support for a child. Complaints,  
1092 requests and the processing of petitions to initiate a case shall be the responsibility of the intake officer.  
1093 However, (i) the attorney for the Commonwealth of the city or county may file a petition on his own  
1094 motion with the clerk, (ii) the Department of Social Services may file support petitions on its own  
1095 motion with the clerk, and (iii) any attorney may file petitions on behalf of his client with the clerk  
1096 except petitions alleging that the subject of the petition is a child alleged to be in need of services, in  
1097 need of supervision or delinquent. Complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child shall be referred  
1098 initially to the local department of public welfare or social services in accordance with the provisions of  
1099 Chapter 12.1 (§ 63.1-248.1 et seq.) of Title 63.1. Motions and other subsequent pleadings in a case shall  
1100 be filed directly with the clerk. The intake officer or clerk with whom the petition or motion is filed  
1101 shall inquire whether the petitioner is receiving child support services or public assistance. No individual  
1102 who is receiving support services or public assistance shall be denied the right to file a petition or  
1103 motion to establish, modify or enforce an order for support of a child. If the petitioner is seeking or  
1104 receiving child support services or public assistance, the clerk, upon issuance of process, shall forward a  
1105 copy of the petition or motion together with notice of the court date to the Division of Child Support

1106 Enforcement.

1107 B. The appearance of a child before an intake officer may be by (i) personal appearance before the  
1108 intake officer or (ii) use of two-way electronic video and audio communication. If two-way electronic  
1109 video and audio communication is used, an intake officer may exercise all powers conferred by law. All  
1110 communications and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if the appearance were in  
1111 person, and any documents filed may be transmitted by facsimile process. The facsimile may be served  
1112 or executed by the officer or person to whom sent, and returned in the same manner, and with the same  
1113 force, effect, authority, and liability as an original document. All signatures thereon shall be treated as  
1114 original signatures. Any two-way electronic video and audio communication system used for an  
1115 appearance shall meet the standards as set forth in subsection B of § 19.2-3.1.

1116 1. When the court service unit of any court receives a complaint alleging facts which may be  
1117 sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, the unit, through an intake  
1118 officer, may proceed informally to make such adjustment as is practicable without the filing of a petition  
1119 or may authorize a petition to be filed by any complainant having sufficient knowledge of the matter to  
1120 establish probable cause for the issuance of the petition.

1121 However, an intake officer may proceed informally on a complaint alleging a child is in need of  
1122 services, in need of supervision or delinquent only if the juvenile (i) is not alleged to have committed a  
1123 violent juvenile felony and (ii) has not previously been adjudicated in need of supervision or delinquent.  
1124 A petition alleging that a juvenile committed a violent juvenile felony shall be filed with the court. A  
1125 petition alleging that a juvenile is in need of supervision or delinquent shall be filed with the court if  
1126 the juvenile had previously been adjudicated in need of supervision or delinquent.

1127 Whenever informal action is taken as provided in this subsection on a complaint alleging that a child  
1128 is in need of services, is in need of supervision or delinquent, the intake officer shall (i) develop a plan  
1129 for the juvenile, which may include restitution and the performance of community service, based upon  
1130 community resources and the circumstances which resulted in the complaint, (ii) create an official record  
1131 of the action taken by the intake officer and file such record in the juvenile's case file and (iii) advise  
1132 the juvenile and the juvenile's ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian, *legal custodian* or other person standing in loco  
1133 parentis, and the complainant that any subsequent complaint alleging that the child is in need of  
1134 supervision or delinquent based upon facts which may be sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the  
1135 court pursuant to § 16.1-241 will result in the filing of a petition with the court.

1136 C. The intake officer shall accept and file a petition in which it is alleged that (i) the custody,  
1137 visitation or support of a child is the subject of controversy or requires determination, (ii) a person has  
1138 deserted, abandoned or failed to provide support for any person in violation of law, or (iii) a child or  
1139 such child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis is entitled to  
1140 treatment, rehabilitation or other services which are required by law. If any such complainant does not  
1141 file a petition, the intake officer may file it. In cases in which a child is alleged to be abused, neglected,  
1142 in need of services, in need of supervision or delinquent, if the intake officer believes that probable  
1143 cause does not exist, or that the authorization of a petition will not be in the best interest of the family  
1144 or juvenile or that the matter may be effectively dealt with by some agency other than the court, he may  
1145 refuse to authorize the filing of a petition.

1146 D. Prior to the filing of any petition alleging that a child is in need of supervision, the matter shall  
1147 be reviewed by an intake officer who shall determine whether the petitioner and the child alleged to be  
1148 in need of supervision have utilized or attempted to utilize treatment and services available in the  
1149 community and have exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available to them. When  
1150 the intake officer determines that the parties have not attempted to utilize available treatment or services  
1151 or have not exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available, he shall refer the  
1152 petitioner and the child alleged to be in need of supervision to the appropriate agency, treatment facility  
1153 or individual to receive treatment or services, and a petition shall not be filed. Only after the intake  
1154 officer determines that the parties have made a reasonable effort to utilize available community  
1155 treatment or services, may he permit the petition to be filed.

1156 E. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense that if committed by an  
1157 adult would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony, the complainant shall be notified in  
1158 writing at that time of the complainant's right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. If a magistrate  
1159 determines that probable cause exists, he shall issue a warrant returnable to the juvenile and domestic  
1160 relations district court. The warrant shall be delivered forthwith to the juvenile court, and the intake  
1161 officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant. If the court is closed and the magistrate  
1162 finds that the criteria for detention or shelter care set forth in § 16.1-248.1 have been satisfied, the  
1163 juvenile may be detained pursuant to the warrant issued in accordance with this subsection. If the intake  
1164 officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to a child in need of services or in need of supervision, a  
1165 status offense, or a misdemeanor other than Class 1, his decision is final.

1166 Upon delivery to the juvenile court of a warrant issued pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 16.1-256, the

1167 intake officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant.

1168 F. The intake officer shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth of the filing of any petition  
1169 which alleges facts of an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

1170 G. After a petition is filed alleging that a juvenile committed an act which would be a crime if  
1171 committed by an adult, the intake officer shall, as soon as practicable, provide notice by telephone of  
1172 the filing of the petition and the nature of the offense to the superintendent of the school division in  
1173 which the petitioner alleges the juvenile is or should be enrolled, provided the violation involves:

1174 1. The unlawful purchase, possession or use of a weapon pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.) of  
1175 Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

1176 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

1177 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of  
1178 Title 18.2;

1179 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

1180 5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances,  
1181 pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

1182 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter  
1183 7 of Title 18.2;

1184 7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2; or

1185 8. Burglary and related offenses, pursuant to §§ 18.2-89 through 18.2-93.

1186 Promptly after filing a petition the intake officer shall also mail notice, by first-class mail, to the  
1187 superintendent. The failure to provide information regarding the school in which the juvenile who is the  
1188 subject of the petition may be enrolled shall not be grounds for refusing to file a petition.

1189 The information provided to a division superintendent pursuant to this section may be disclosed only  
1190 as provided in § 16.1-305.2.

1191 H. The filing of a petition shall not be necessary:

1192 1. In the case of violations of the traffic laws, including offenses involving bicycles, hitchhiking and  
1193 other pedestrian offenses, game and fish laws or a violation of the ordinance of any city regulating  
1194 surfing or any ordinance establishing curfew violations or animal control violations. In such cases the  
1195 court may proceed on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as  
1196 provided by law for adults. Additionally, an officer investigating a motor vehicle accident may, at the  
1197 scene of the accident or at any other location where a juvenile who is involved in such an accident may  
1198 be located, proceed on a summons in lieu of filing a petition.

1199 2. In the case of seeking consent to apply for the issuance of a work permit pursuant to subdivision  
1200 H of § 16.1-241.

1201 3. In the case of a violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738, or the commission of any other  
1202 alcohol-related offense, provided the juvenile is released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian  
1203 pending the initial court date. The officer releasing a juvenile to the custody of a parent or legal  
1204 guardian shall issue a summons to the juvenile and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or  
1205 legal guardian to appear before the court with the juvenile. Disposition of the charge shall be in the  
1206 manner provided in § 16.1-278.8 or § 16.1-278.9. If the juvenile so charged with a violation of  
1207 § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738 refuses to provide a sample of blood or breath or samples of both blood and  
1208 breath for chemical analysis pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or § 29.1-738.2, the  
1209 provisions of these sections shall be followed except that the magistrate shall authorize execution of the  
1210 warrant as a summons. The summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the juvenile, and  
1211 a copy of the summons shall be forwarded to the court in which the violation of § 18.2-266 or  
1212 § 29.1-738 is to be tried.

1213 4. In the case of offenses which, if committed by an adult would be punishable as a Class 3 or Class  
1214 4 misdemeanor. In such cases the court may direct that an intake officer proceed as provided in  
1215 § 16.1-237 on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as  
1216 provided by law for adults provided that notice of the summons to appear is mailed by the investigating  
1217 officer within five days of the issuance of the summons to a parent or legal guardian of the juvenile.

1218 I. Failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this section shall not divest the juvenile court of  
1219 the jurisdiction granted it in § 16.1-241.

1220 § 16.1-260. (Delayed effective date) Intake; petition; investigation.

1221 A. All matters alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced by the filing of  
1222 a petition, except as provided in subsection H of this section and in § 16.1-259. The form and content of  
1223 the petition shall be as provided in § 16.1-262. No individual shall be required to obtain support services  
1224 from the Department of Social Services prior to filing a petition seeking support for a juvenile.  
1225 Complaints, requests and the processing of petitions to initiate a case shall be the responsibility of the  
1226 intake officer. However, (i) the attorney for the Commonwealth of the city or county may file a petition  
1227 on his own motion with the clerk, (ii) the Department of Social Services may file support petitions on  
1228 its own motion with the clerk, and (iii) any attorney may file petitions on behalf of his client with the

1229 clerk except petitions alleging that the subject of the petition is a child alleged to be in need of services,  
 1230 in need of supervision or delinquent. In addition, all cases for divorce, annulment or affirmation of  
 1231 marriage, separate maintenance, equitable distribution based on a foreign decree, adoption, change of  
 1232 name, amendment of a record of birth and judicial review of school board actions and of hearing officer  
 1233 decisions shall be filed directly with the clerk. Complaints alleging abuse or neglect of a child shall be  
 1234 referred initially to the local department of public welfare or social services in accordance with the  
 1235 provisions of Chapter 12.1 (§ 63.1-248.1 et seq.) of Title 63.1. Motions and other subsequent pleadings  
 1236 in a case shall be filed directly with the clerk. The intake officer or clerk with whom the petition or  
 1237 motion is filed shall inquire whether the petitioner is receiving child support services or public  
 1238 assistance. No individual who is receiving support services or public assistance shall be denied the right  
 1239 to file a petition or motion to establish, modify or enforce an order for support of a child. If the  
 1240 petitioner is seeking or receiving child support services or public assistance, the clerk, upon issuance of  
 1241 process, shall forward a copy of the petition or motion together with notice of the court date to the  
 1242 Division of Child Support Enforcement.

1243 B. The appearance of a child before an intake officer may be by (i) personal appearance before the  
 1244 intake officer or (ii) use of two-way electronic video and audio communication. If two-way electronic  
 1245 video and audio communication is used, an intake officer may exercise all powers conferred by law. All  
 1246 communications and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if the appearance were in  
 1247 person, and any documents filed may be transmitted by facsimile process. The facsimile may be served  
 1248 or executed by the officer or person to whom sent, and returned in the same manner, and with the same  
 1249 force, effect, authority, and liability as an original document. All signatures thereon shall be treated as  
 1250 original signatures. Any two-way electronic video and audio communication system used for an  
 1251 appearance shall meet the standards as set forth in subsection B of § 19.2-3.1.

1252 B1. When the court service unit of any court receives a complaint alleging facts which may be  
 1253 sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to § 16.1-241, the unit, through an intake  
 1254 officer, may proceed informally to make such adjustment as is practicable without the filing of a petition  
 1255 or may authorize a petition to be filed by any complainant having sufficient knowledge of the matter to  
 1256 establish probable cause for the issuance of the petition.

1257 However, an intake officer may proceed informally on a complaint alleging a child is in need of  
 1258 services, in need of supervision or delinquent only if the juvenile (i) is not alleged to have committed a  
 1259 violent juvenile felony and (ii) has not previously been adjudicated in need of supervision or delinquent.  
 1260 A petition alleging that a juvenile committed a violent juvenile felony shall be filed with the court. A  
 1261 petition alleging that a juvenile is in need of supervision or delinquent shall be filed with the court if  
 1262 the juvenile had previously been adjudicated in need of supervision or delinquent.

1263 Whenever informal action is taken as provided in this subsection on a complaint alleging that a child  
 1264 is in need of services, is in need of supervision or delinquent, the intake officer shall (i) develop a plan  
 1265 for the juvenile, which may include restitution and the performance of community service, based upon  
 1266 community resources and the circumstances which resulted in the complaint, (ii) create an official record  
 1267 of the action taken by the intake officer and file such record in the juvenile's case file and (iii) advise  
 1268 the juvenile and the juvenile's ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian, *legal custodian* or other person standing in loco  
 1269 parentis, and the complainant that any subsequent complaint alleging that the child is in need of  
 1270 supervision or delinquent based upon facts which may be sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the  
 1271 court pursuant to § 16.1-241 will result in the filing of a petition with the court.

1272 C. The intake officer shall accept and file a petition in which it is alleged that (i) the custody,  
 1273 visitation or support of a child is the subject of controversy or requires determination, (ii) a person has  
 1274 deserted, abandoned or failed to provide support or separate maintenance for any person in violation of  
 1275 law, or (iii) a juvenile or such juvenile's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in  
 1276 loco parentis is entitled to treatment, rehabilitation or other services which are required by law. If any  
 1277 such complainant does not file a petition, the intake officer may file it. In cases in which a child is  
 1278 alleged to be abused, neglected, in need of services, in need of supervision or delinquent, if the intake  
 1279 officer believes that probable cause does not exist, or that the authorization of a petition will not be in  
 1280 the best interest of the family or juvenile or that the matter may be effectively dealt with by some  
 1281 agency other than the court, he may refuse to authorize the filing of a petition.

1282 D. Prior to the filing of any petition alleging that a child is in need of supervision, the matter shall  
 1283 be reviewed by an intake officer who shall determine whether the petitioner and the child alleged to be  
 1284 in need of supervision have utilized or attempted to utilize treatment and services available in the  
 1285 community and have exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available to them. When  
 1286 the intake officer determines that the parties have not attempted to utilize available treatment or services  
 1287 or have not exhausted all appropriate nonjudicial remedies which are available, he shall refer the  
 1288 petitioner and the child alleged to be in need of supervision to the appropriate agency, treatment facility  
 1289 or individual to receive treatment or services, and a petition shall not be filed. Only after the intake

1290 officer determines that the parties have made a reasonable effort to utilize available community  
1291 treatment or services, may he permit the petition to be filed.

1292 E. If the intake officer refuses to authorize a petition relating to an offense which if committed by an  
1293 adult would be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor or as a felony, the complainant shall be notified in  
1294 writing at that time of the complainant's right to apply to a magistrate for a warrant. If a magistrate  
1295 determines that probable cause exists, he shall issue a warrant returnable to the family court. The  
1296 warrant shall be delivered forthwith to the family court, and the intake officer shall accept and file a  
1297 petition founded upon the warrant. If the court is closed and the magistrate finds that the criteria for  
1298 detention or shelter care set forth in § 16.1-248.1 have been satisfied, the juvenile may be detained  
1299 pursuant to the warrant issued in accordance with this subsection. If the intake officer refuses to  
1300 authorize a petition relating to a child in need of services or in need of supervision, a status offense, or  
1301 a misdemeanor other than Class 1, his decision is final.

1302 Upon delivery to the family court of a warrant issued pursuant to subdivision 2 of § 16.1-256, the  
1303 intake officer shall accept and file a petition founded upon the warrant.

1304 F. The intake officer shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth of the filing of any petition  
1305 which alleges facts of an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

1306 G. After a petition is filed alleging that a juvenile committed an act which would be a crime if  
1307 committed by an adult, the intake officer shall, as soon as practicable, provide notice by telephone of  
1308 the filing of the petition and the nature of the offense to the superintendent of the school division in  
1309 which the petitioner alleges the juvenile is or should be enrolled, provided the violation involves:

1310 1. The unlawful purchase, possession or use of a weapon pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-279 et seq.) of  
1311 Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

1312 2. Homicide, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

1313 3. Felonious assault and bodily wounding, pursuant to Article 4 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of  
1314 Title 18.2;

1315 4. Criminal sexual assault, pursuant to Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2;

1316 5. Manufacture, sale, gift, distribution or possession of Schedule I or II controlled substances,  
1317 pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2;

1318 6. Manufacture, sale or distribution of marijuana pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter  
1319 7 of Title 18.2;

1320 7. Arson and related crimes, pursuant to Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2; or

1321 8. Burglary and related offenses, pursuant to §§ 18.2-89 through 18.2-93.

1322 Promptly after filing a petition the intake officer shall also mail notice, by first-class mail, to the  
1323 superintendent. The failure to provide information regarding the school in which the juvenile who is the  
1324 subject of the petition may be enrolled shall not be grounds for refusing to file a petition.

1325 The information provided to a division superintendent pursuant to this section may be disclosed only  
1326 as provided in § 16.1-305.2.

1327 H. The filing of a petition shall not be necessary:

1328 1. In the case of violations of the traffic laws, including offenses involving bicycles, hitchhiking and  
1329 other pedestrian offenses, game and fish laws or a violation of the ordinance of any city regulating  
1330 surfing or any ordinance establishing curfew violations or animal control violations. In such cases the  
1331 court may proceed on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as  
1332 provided by law for adults. Additionally, an officer investigating a motor vehicle accident may, at the  
1333 scene of the accident or at any other location where a juvenile who is involved in such an accident may  
1334 be located, proceed on a summons in lieu of filing a petition.

1335 2. In the case of seeking consent to apply for the issuance of a work permit pursuant to subdivision  
1336 H of § 16.1-241.

1337 3. In the case of a violation of § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738, or the commission of any other  
1338 alcohol-related offense, provided the juvenile is released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian  
1339 pending the initial court date. The officer releasing a juvenile to the custody of a parent or legal  
1340 guardian shall issue a summons to the juvenile and shall also issue a summons requiring the parent or  
1341 legal guardian to appear before the court with the juvenile. Disposition of the charge shall be in the  
1342 manner provided in § 16.1-278.8 or § 16.1-278.9. If the juvenile so charged with a violation of  
1343 § 18.2-266 or § 29.1-738 refuses to provide a sample of blood or breath or samples of both blood and  
1344 breath for chemical analysis pursuant to §§ 18.2-268.1 through 18.2-268.12 or § 29.1-738.2, the  
1345 provisions of these sections shall be followed except that the magistrate shall authorize execution of the  
1346 warrant as a summons. The summons shall be served on a parent or legal guardian and the juvenile, and  
1347 a copy of the summons shall be forwarded to the court in which the violation of § 18.2-266 or  
1348 § 29.1-738 is to be tried.

1349 4. In cases of divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance, equitable  
1350 distribution based on a foreign decree, and judicial review of school board actions and of hearing officer  
1351 decisions.

1352 5. In the case of offenses which, if committed by an adult would be punishable as a Class 3 or Class  
 1353 4 misdemeanor. In such cases the court may direct that an intake officer proceed as provided in  
 1354 § 16.1-237 on a summons issued by the officer investigating the violation in the same manner as  
 1355 provided by law for adults provided that notice of the summons to appear is mailed by the investigating  
 1356 officer within five days of the issuance of the summons to a parent or legal guardian of the juvenile.

1357 I. Failure to comply with the procedures set forth in this section shall not divest the family court of  
 1358 the jurisdiction granted it in § 16.1-241.

1359 § 16.1-263. Summonses.

1360 A. After a petition has been filed, the court shall direct the issuance of summonses, one directed to  
 1361 the juvenile, if the juvenile is twelve or more years of age, and another to the parents, guardian, legal  
 1362 custodian or other person standing in loco parentis, and such other persons as appear to the court to be  
 1363 proper or necessary parties to the proceedings. The summons shall require them to appear personally  
 1364 before the court at the time fixed to answer or testify as to the allegations of the petition. Where the  
 1365 custodian is summoned and such person is not the parent of the juvenile in question, the parent shall  
 1366 also be served with a summons. The court may direct that other proper or necessary parties to the  
 1367 proceedings be notified of the pendency of the case, the charge and the time and place for the hearing.

1368 B. The summons shall advise the parties of their right to counsel as provided in § 16.1-266. A copy  
 1369 of the petition shall accompany each summons for the initial proceedings. The summons shall include  
 1370 notice that in the event that the juvenile is committed to the Department or to a secure local facility, the  
 1371 parent or other person legally obligated to care for and support the juvenile may be required to pay a  
 1372 reasonable sum for support and treatment of the juvenile pursuant to § 16.1-290. Notice of subsequent  
 1373 proceedings shall be provided to all parties in interest. In all cases where a party is represented by  
 1374 counsel and counsel has been provided with a copy of the petition and due notice as to time, date and  
 1375 place of the hearing, such action shall be deemed due notice to such party, unless such counsel has  
 1376 notified the court that he no longer represents such party.

1377 C. The judge may endorse upon the summons an order directing the parents, guardian ~~or other~~ ,  
 1378 *legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other person* having the custody or control of  
 1379 the juvenile to bring the juvenile to the hearing.

1380 D. A party, other than the juvenile, may waive service of summons by written stipulation or by  
 1381 voluntary appearance at the hearing.

1382 E. No such summons or notification shall be required if the judge shall certify on the record that the  
 1383 identity of a parent ~~or~~ , guardian, *legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* is not  
 1384 reasonably ascertainable. An affidavit of the mother that the identity of the father is not reasonably  
 1385 ascertainable shall be sufficient evidence of this fact, provided there is no other evidence before the  
 1386 court which would refute such an affidavit.

1387 § 16.1-263. (Delayed effective date) Process.

1388 A. After a petition has been filed, the court shall direct the issuance of summonses, one directed to  
 1389 the juvenile, if the juvenile is twelve or more years of age, and another to the parents, guardian, legal  
 1390 custodian or other person standing in loco parentis, and such other persons as appear to the court to be  
 1391 proper or necessary parties to the proceedings. The summons shall require them to appear personally  
 1392 before the court at the time fixed to answer or testify as to the allegations of the petition. Where the  
 1393 custodian is summoned and such person is not the parent of the juvenile in question, the parent shall  
 1394 also be served with a summons. The court may direct that other proper or necessary parties to the  
 1395 proceedings be notified of the pendency of the case, the charge and the time and place for the hearing.

1396 B. The summons shall advise the parties of their right to counsel as provided in § 16.1-266. The  
 1397 summons shall include notice that in the event that the juvenile is committed to the Department or to a  
 1398 secure local facility, the parent or other person legally obligated to care for and support the juvenile may  
 1399 be required to pay a reasonable sum for support and treatment of the juvenile pursuant to § 16.1-290. A  
 1400 copy of the petition shall accompany each summons for the initial proceedings. Notice of subsequent  
 1401 proceedings shall be provided to all parties in interest. In all cases where a party is represented by  
 1402 counsel and counsel has been provided with a copy of the petition and due notice as to time, date and  
 1403 place of the hearing, such action shall be deemed due notice to such party, unless such counsel has  
 1404 notified the court that he no longer represents such party.

1405 C. The judge may endorse upon the summons an order directing the parents, guardian ~~or other~~, *legal*  
 1406 *custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other person* having the custody or control of the  
 1407 juvenile to bring the juvenile to the hearing.

1408 D. A party, other than the juvenile, may waive service of summons by written stipulation or by  
 1409 voluntary appearance at the hearing.

1410 E. No such summons or notification shall be required if the judge shall certify on the record that the  
 1411 identity of a parent ~~or~~, guardian, *legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* is not  
 1412 reasonably ascertainable. An affidavit of the mother that the identity of the father is not reasonably

1413 ascertainable shall be sufficient evidence of this fact, provided there is no other evidence before the  
 1414 court which would refute such an affidavit.

1415 F. For all cases of divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance, equitable  
 1416 distribution based on a foreign decree, adoption, change of name, amendment of a record of birth, and  
 1417 judicial review of school board actions and of hearing officer decisions, process shall be governed by  
 1418 the Rules of the Supreme Court or statute, as appropriate.

1419 § 16.1-266. Appointment of counsel.

1420 A. Prior to the hearing by the court of any case involving a child who is alleged to be abused or  
 1421 neglected or who is the subject of an entrustment agreement or a petition terminating residual parental  
 1422 rights or is otherwise before the court pursuant to subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-241, the court shall appoint  
 1423 a discreet and competent attorney-at-law as guardian ad litem to represent the child pursuant to  
 1424 § 16.1-266.1.

1425 B. Prior to the detention review hearing or the adjudicatory or transfer hearing by the court of any  
 1426 case involving a child who is alleged to be in need of services, in need of supervision or delinquent,  
 1427 such child and his or her ~~parent~~parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
 1428 parentis shall be informed by a judge, clerk or probation officer of the child's right to counsel and of the  
 1429 liability of the parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis for the costs of  
 1430 such legal services pursuant to § 16.1-267 and be given an opportunity to:

1431 1. Obtain and employ counsel of the child's own choice; or

1432 2. If the court determines that the child is indigent within the contemplation of the law pursuant to  
 1433 the guidelines set forth in § 19.2-159 and his or her ~~parent~~parents, guardian, legal custodian or other  
 1434 person standing in loco parentis does not retain an attorney for the child, a statement of indigence  
 1435 substantially in the form provided by § 19.2-159 and a financial statement shall be executed by such  
 1436 child, and the court shall appoint an attorney-at-law to represent him; or

1437 3. Waive the right to representation by an attorney, if the court finds the child and the ~~parent~~  
 1438 parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis of the child consent, in  
 1439 writing, to such waiver and that the interests of the child and the parent, guardian, legal custodian or  
 1440 other person standing in loco parentis in the proceeding are not adverse. Such written waiver shall be in  
 1441 accordance with law and shall be filed with the court records of the case.

1442 C. Prior to the hearing by the court of any case involving a parent, guardian or other ~~adult person~~  
 1443 responsible for his care charged with abuse or neglect of a child or a ~~parent or guardian who could be~~  
 1444 subjected to the loss of residual parental rights and responsibilities, such ~~parent, guardian or other adult~~  
 1445 shall be informed by a judge, clerk or probation officer of his right to counsel and be given an  
 1446 opportunity to:

1447 1. Obtain and employ counsel of the parent's, guardian's or other adult's own choice; or

1448 2. If the court determines that the parent, guardian or other adult is indigent within the contemplation  
 1449 of the law pursuant to the guidelines set forth in § 19.2-159, a statement substantially in the form  
 1450 provided by § 19.2-159 and a financial statement shall be executed by such parent, guardian or other  
 1451 adult and the court shall appoint an attorney-at-law to represent him; or

1452 3. Waive the right to representation by an attorney in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-160.

1453 D. In all other cases which in the discretion of the court require counsel or a guardian ad litem to  
 1454 represent the interests of the child or children or the ~~parent or parents~~, guardian, legal custodian, other  
 1455 person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member a discreet and competent  
 1456 attorney-at-law may be appointed by the court. However, in cases where the custody of a child or  
 1457 children is the subject of controversy or requires determination and each of the parents or other persons  
 1458 claiming a right to custody is represented by counsel, the court shall not appoint counsel or a guardian  
 1459 ad litem to represent the interests of the child or children unless the court finds, at any stage in the  
 1460 proceedings in a specific case, that the interests of the child or children are not otherwise adequately  
 1461 represented.

1462 § 16.1-266. (Delayed effective date) Appointment of counsel.

1463 A. Prior to the hearing by the court of any case involving a child who is alleged to be abused or  
 1464 neglected or who is the subject of an entrustment agreement or a petition terminating residual parental  
 1465 rights or is otherwise before the court pursuant to subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-241, the court shall appoint  
 1466 a discreet and competent attorney-at-law as guardian ad litem to represent the child pursuant to  
 1467 § 16.1-266.1.

1468 B. Prior to the detention review hearing or the adjudicatory or transfer hearing by the court of any  
 1469 case involving a child who is alleged to be in need of services, in need of supervision or delinquent,  
 1470 such child and his or her ~~parent~~parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
 1471 parentis shall be informed by a judge, clerk or probation officer of the child's right to counsel and of the  
 1472 liability of the parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis for the costs of  
 1473 such legal services pursuant to § 16.1-267 and be given an opportunity to:

1474 1. Obtain and employ counsel of the child's own choice; or

1475 2. If the court determines that the child is indigent within the contemplation of the law pursuant to  
 1476 the guidelines set forth in § 19.2-159 and his or her parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person  
 1477 standing in loco parentis does not retain an attorney for the child, a statement of indigence substantially  
 1478 in the form provided by § 19.2-159 and a financial statement shall be executed by such child, and the  
 1479 court shall appoint an attorney-at-law to represent him; or

1480 3. Waive the right to representation by an attorney, if the court finds the child and the ~~parent~~  
 1481 *parents*, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis of the child consent, in  
 1482 writing, to such waiver and that the interests of the child and the parent, guardian, legal custodian or  
 1483 other person standing in loco parentis in the proceeding are not adverse. Such written waiver shall be in  
 1484 accordance with law and shall be filed with the court records of the case.

1485 C. Prior to the hearing by the court of any case involving a parent, guardian or other ~~adult person~~  
 1486 *responsible for his care* charged with abuse or neglect of a child ~~or a parent or guardian who could be~~  
 1487 ~~subjected to the loss of residual parental rights and responsibilities; such parent, guardian or other adult~~  
 1488 shall be informed by a judge, clerk or probation officer of his right to counsel and be given an  
 1489 opportunity to:

1490 1. Obtain and employ counsel of the parent's, guardian's or other adult's own choice; or

1491 2. If the court determines that the parent, guardian or other adult is indigent within the contemplation  
 1492 of the law pursuant to the guidelines set forth in § 19.2-159, a statement substantially in the form  
 1493 provided by § 19.2-159 and a financial statement shall be executed by such parent, guardian or other  
 1494 adult and the court shall appoint an attorney-at-law to represent him; or

1495 3. Waive the right to representation by an attorney in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-160.

1496 D. In all other cases which in the discretion of the court require counsel or a guardian ad litem to  
 1497 represent the interests of the child or children or ~~the parent or parents~~, guardian, *legal custodian, other*  
 1498 *person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member* a discreet and competent  
 1499 attorney-at-law may be appointed by the court. However, (i) in cases where the custody of a child or  
 1500 children is the subject of controversy or requires determination and each of the parents or other persons  
 1501 claiming a right to custody is represented by counsel, the court shall not appoint counsel or a guardian  
 1502 ad litem to represent the interests of the child or children unless the court finds, at any stage in the  
 1503 proceedings in a specific case, that the interests of the child or children are not otherwise adequately  
 1504 represented; and (ii) in suits for divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance, or  
 1505 equitable distribution based on a foreign decree; in petitions for adoption, amendment of a record of  
 1506 birth, and change of name; or judicial review of school board actions or hearing officer decisions, the  
 1507 court shall appoint counsel or a guardian ad litem to represent the interests of a party only as provided  
 1508 in § 8.01-9.

1509 § 16.1-267. Compensation of appointed counsel.

1510 A. When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 A and, after an  
 1511 investigation by the court services unit, finds that the parents are financially able to pay for the attorney  
 1512 and refuse to do so, the court shall assess costs against the parent for such legal services in the amount  
 1513 awarded the attorney by the court under the circumstances of the case, considering such factors as the  
 1514 ability of the parents to pay and the nature and extent of the counsel's duties in the case. Such amount  
 1515 shall not exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the maximum amount specified in subdivision  
 1516 (1) of § 19.2-163 if the action is in district court.

1517 When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 B and, after an  
 1518 investigation by the court services unit, finds that the parents are financially able to pay for the attorney  
 1519 in whole or in part and refuse to do so, the court shall assess costs in whole or in part against the  
 1520 parents for such legal services in the amount awarded the attorney by the court. Such amount shall not  
 1521 exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the maximum amount specified in subdivision (1) of  
 1522 § 19.2-163 if the action is in district court. In determining the financial ability of the parents to pay for  
 1523 an attorney to represent the child, the court shall utilize the financial statement required by § 19.2-159.

1524 In all other cases, except as provided in § 16.1-343, counsel appointed to represent a child shall be  
 1525 compensated for his services pursuant to § 19.2-163.

1526 B. When the court appoints counsel to represent a parent, guardian, *legal custodian* or other ~~adult~~  
 1527 *person standing in loco parentis* pursuant to § 16.1-266, such counsel shall be compensated for his  
 1528 services pursuant to § 19.2-163.

1529 § 16.1-267. (Delayed effective date) Compensation of appointed counsel.

1530 A. When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 A and, after an  
 1531 investigation by the court services unit, finds that the parents are financially able to pay for the attorney  
 1532 and refuse to do so, the court shall assess costs against the parent for such legal services in the amount  
 1533 awarded the attorney by the court under the circumstances of the case, considering such factors as the  
 1534 ability of the parents to pay and the nature and extent of the counsel's duties in the case. Such amount  
 1535 shall not exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the maximum amount specified in subdivision

1536 (1) of § 19.2-163 if the action is in family court.

1537 When the court appoints counsel to represent a child pursuant to § 16.1-266 B and, after an  
 1538 investigation by the court services unit, finds that the parents are financially able to pay for the attorney  
 1539 in whole or in part and refuse to do so, the court shall assess costs in whole or in part against the  
 1540 parents for such legal services in the amount awarded the attorney by the court. Such amount shall not  
 1541 exceed \$100 if the action is in circuit court or the maximum amount specified in subdivision (1) of  
 1542 § 19.2-163 if the action is in family court. In determining the financial ability of the parents to pay for  
 1543 an attorney to represent the child, the court shall utilize the financial statement required by § 19.2-159.

1544 In all other cases, except as provided in § 16.1-343, counsel appointed to represent a child shall be  
 1545 compensated for his services pursuant to § 19.2-163.

1546 B. When the court appoints counsel to represent a parent, guardian, *legal custodian* or other ~~adult~~  
 1547 *person standing in loco parentis* pursuant to § 16.1-266, such counsel shall be compensated for his  
 1548 services pursuant to § 19.2-163.

1549 § 16.1-268. Order of appointment.

1550 The order of appointment of counsel pursuant to § 16.1-266 shall be filed with and become a part of  
 1551 the record of such proceeding. The attorney so appointed shall represent the child or parent, guardian,  
 1552 *legal custodian* or other ~~adult~~ *person standing in loco parentis* at any such hearing and at all other  
 1553 stages of the proceeding unless relieved or replaced in the manner provided by law.

1554 § 16.1-269.1. Trial in circuit court; preliminary hearing; direct indictment; remand.

1555 A. Except as provided in subsections B and C, if a juvenile fourteen years of age or older at the time  
 1556 of an alleged offense is charged with an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult, the  
 1557 court shall, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth and prior to a hearing on the merits, hold  
 1558 a transfer hearing and may retain jurisdiction or transfer such juvenile for proper criminal proceedings to  
 1559 the appropriate circuit court having criminal jurisdiction of such offenses if committed by an adult. Any  
 1560 transfer to the appropriate circuit court shall be subject to the following conditions:

1561 1. Notice as prescribed in §§ 16.1-263 and 16.1-264 shall be given to the juvenile and his ~~parent~~  
 1562 *parents*, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis; or attorney;

1563 2. The juvenile court finds that probable cause exists to believe that the juvenile committed the  
 1564 delinquent act as alleged or a lesser included delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by  
 1565 an adult;

1566 3. The juvenile is competent to stand trial. The juvenile is presumed to be competent and the burden  
 1567 is on the party alleging the juvenile is not competent to rebut the presumption by a preponderance of the  
 1568 evidence; and

1569 4. The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the juvenile is not a proper person to  
 1570 remain within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. In determining whether a juvenile is a proper person  
 1571 to remain within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the court shall consider, but not be limited to, the  
 1572 following factors:

1573 a. The juvenile's age;

1574 b. The seriousness and number of alleged offenses, including (i) whether the alleged offense was  
 1575 committed in an aggressive, violent, premeditated, or willful manner; (ii) whether the alleged offense  
 1576 was against persons or property, with greater weight being given to offenses against persons, especially  
 1577 if death or bodily injury resulted; (iii) whether the maximum punishment for such an offense is greater  
 1578 than twenty years confinement if committed by an adult; (iv) whether the alleged offense involved the  
 1579 use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon by brandishing, threatening, displaying or otherwise  
 1580 employing such weapon; and (v) the nature of the juvenile's participation in the alleged offense;

1581 c. Whether the juvenile can be retained in the juvenile justice system long enough for effective  
 1582 treatment and rehabilitation;

1583 d. The appropriateness and availability of the services and dispositional alternatives in both the  
 1584 criminal justice and juvenile justice systems for dealing with the juvenile's problems;

1585 e. The record and previous history of the juvenile in this or other jurisdictions, including (i) the  
 1586 number and nature of previous contacts with juvenile or circuit courts, (ii) the number and nature of  
 1587 prior periods of probation, (iii) the number and nature of prior commitments to juvenile correctional  
 1588 centers, (iv) the number and nature of previous residential and community-based treatments, (v) whether  
 1589 previous adjudications and commitments were for delinquent acts that involved the infliction of serious  
 1590 bodily injury, and (vi) whether the alleged offense is part of a repetitive pattern of similar adjudicated  
 1591 offenses;

1592 f. Whether the juvenile has previously absconded from the legal custody of a juvenile correctional  
 1593 entity in this or any other jurisdiction;

1594 g. The extent, if any, of the juvenile's degree of mental retardation or mental illness;

1595 h. The juvenile's school record and education;

1596 i. The juvenile's mental and emotional maturity; and

1597 j. The juvenile's physical condition and physical maturity.

1598 No transfer decision shall be precluded or reversed on the grounds that the court failed to consider  
1599 any of the factors specified in subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-269.1.

1600 B. The juvenile court shall conduct a preliminary hearing whenever a juvenile fourteen years of age  
1601 or older is charged with murder in violation of §§ 18.2-31, 18.2-32 or § 18.2-40, or aggravated  
1602 malicious wounding in violation of § 18.2-51.2.

1603 C. The juvenile court shall conduct a preliminary hearing whenever a juvenile fourteen years of age  
1604 or older is charged with murder in violation of § 18.2-33, felonious injury by mob in violation of  
1605 § 18.2-41, abduction in violation of § 18.2-48, malicious wounding in violation of § 18.2-51, malicious  
1606 wounding of a law-enforcement officer in violation of § 18.2-51.1, felonious poisoning in violation of  
1607 § 18.2-54.1, adulteration of products in violation of § 18.2-54.1, robbery in violation of § 18.2-58 or  
1608 carjacking in violation of § 18.2-58.1, rape in violation of § 18.2-61, forcible sodomy in violation of  
1609 § 18.2-67.1 or object sexual penetration in violation of § 18.2-67.2, provided the attorney for the  
1610 Commonwealth gives written notice of his intent to proceed pursuant to this subsection at least seven  
1611 days prior to the preliminary hearing. If the attorney for the Commonwealth elects not to give such  
1612 notice, or if he elects to withdraw the notice prior to certification of the charge to the grand jury, he  
1613 may proceed as provided in subsection A.

1614 D. Upon a finding of probable cause pursuant to a preliminary hearing under subsection B or C, the  
1615 juvenile court shall certify the charge, and all ancillary charges, to the grand jury. Such certification  
1616 shall divest the juvenile court of jurisdiction as to the charge and any ancillary charges.

1617 If the court does not find probable cause to believe that the juvenile has committed the violent  
1618 juvenile felony as charged in the petition or warrant or if the petition or warrant is terminated by  
1619 dismissal in the juvenile court, the attorney for the Commonwealth may seek a direct indictment in the  
1620 circuit court. If the petition or warrant is terminated by nolle prosequi in the juvenile court, the attorney  
1621 for the Commonwealth may seek an indictment only after a preliminary hearing in juvenile court.

1622 If the court finds that the juvenile was not fourteen years of age or older at the time of the alleged  
1623 commission of the offense or that the conditions specified in subdivision 1, 2, or 3 of subsection A have  
1624 not been met, the case shall proceed as otherwise provided for by law.

1625 E. An indictment in the circuit court cures any error or defect in any proceeding held in the juvenile  
1626 court except with respect to the juvenile's age. If an indictment is terminated by nolle prosequi, the  
1627 Commonwealth may reinstate the proceeding by seeking a subsequent indictment.

1628 § 16.1-269.1. (Delayed effective date) Trial in circuit court; preliminary hearing, direct indictment;  
1629 remand.

1630 A. Except as provided in subsections B and C, if a juvenile fourteen years of age or older at the time  
1631 of an alleged offense is charged with an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult, the  
1632 court shall, on motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth and prior to a hearing on the merits, hold  
1633 a transfer hearing and may retain jurisdiction or transfer such juvenile for proper criminal proceedings to  
1634 the appropriate circuit court having criminal jurisdiction of such offenses if committed by an adult. Any  
1635 transfer to the appropriate circuit court shall be subject to the following conditions:

1636 1. Notice as prescribed in §§ 16.1-263 and 16.1-264 shall be given to the juvenile and his ~~parent~~  
1637 *parents*, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis; or attorney;

1638 2. The family court finds that probable cause exists to believe that the juvenile committed the  
1639 delinquent act as alleged or a lesser included delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by  
1640 an adult;

1641 3. The juvenile is competent to stand trial. The juvenile is presumed to be competent and the burden  
1642 is on the party alleging the juvenile is not competent to rebut the presumption by a preponderance of the  
1643 evidence; and

1644 4. The court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the juvenile is not a proper person to  
1645 remain within the jurisdiction of the family court. In determining whether a juvenile is a proper person  
1646 to remain within the jurisdiction of the family court, the court shall consider, but not be limited to, the  
1647 following factors:

1648 a. The juvenile's age;

1649 b. The seriousness and number of alleged offenses, including (i) whether the alleged offense was  
1650 committed in an aggressive, violent, premeditated, or willful manner; (ii) whether the alleged offense  
1651 was against persons or property, with greater weight being given to offenses against persons, especially  
1652 if death or bodily injury resulted; (iii) whether the maximum punishment for such an offense is greater  
1653 than twenty years confinement if committed by an adult; (iv) whether the alleged offense involved the  
1654 use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon by brandishing, threatening, displaying or otherwise  
1655 employing such weapon; and (v) the nature of the juvenile's participation in the alleged offense;

1656 c. Whether the juvenile can be retained in the juvenile justice system long enough for effective  
1657 treatment and rehabilitation;

1658 d. The appropriateness and availability of the services and dispositional alternatives in both the

1659 criminal justice and juvenile justice systems for dealing with the juvenile's problems;

1660 e. The record and previous history of the juvenile in this or other jurisdictions, including (i) the  
1661 number and nature of previous contacts with family or circuit courts, (ii) the number and nature of prior  
1662 periods of probation, (iii) the number and nature of prior commitments to juvenile correctional centers,  
1663 (iv) the number and nature of previous residential and community-based treatments, (v) whether previous  
1664 adjudications and commitments were for delinquent acts that involved the infliction of serious bodily  
1665 injury, and (vi) whether the alleged offense is part of a repetitive pattern of similar adjudicated offenses;

1666 f. Whether the juvenile has previously absconded from the legal custody of a juvenile correctional  
1667 entity in this or any other jurisdiction;

1668 g. The extent, if any, of the juvenile's degree of mental retardation or mental illness;

1669 h. The juvenile's school record and education;

1670 i. The juvenile's mental and emotional physical maturity; and

1671 j. The juvenile's physical condition and physical maturity.

1672 No transfer decision shall be precluded or reversed on the grounds that the court failed to consider  
1673 any of the factors specified in subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-269.1.

1674 B. The family court shall conduct a preliminary hearing whenever a juvenile fourteen years of age or  
1675 older is charged with murder in violation of §§ 18.2-31, 18.2-32 or § 18.2-40 or aggravated malicious  
1676 wounding in violation of § 18.2-51.2.

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1678 older is charged with murder in violation of § 18.2-33, felonious injury by mob in violation of  
1679 § 18.2-41, abduction in violation of § 18.2-48, malicious wounding in violation of § 18.2-51, malicious  
1680 wounding of a law-enforcement officer in violation of § 18.2-51.1, felonious poisoning in violation of  
1681 § 18.2-54.1, adulteration of products in violation of § 18.2-54.1, robbery in violation of § 18.2-58 or  
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1683 § 18.2-67.1 or object sexual penetration in violation of § 18.2-67.2 provided the attorney for the  
1684 Commonwealth gives written notice of his intent to proceed pursuant to this subsection at least seven  
1685 days prior to the preliminary hearing. If the attorney for the Commonwealth elects not to give such  
1686 notice, or if he elects to withdraw the notice prior to certification of the charge to the grand jury, he  
1687 may proceed as provided in subsection A.

1688 D. Upon a finding of probable cause pursuant to a preliminary hearing under subsection B or C, the  
1689 family court shall certify the charge, and all ancillary charges, to the grand jury. Such certification shall  
1690 divest the family court of jurisdiction as to the charge and any ancillary charges.

1691 If the court does not find probable cause to believe that the juvenile has committed the violent  
1692 juvenile felony as charged in the petition or warrant or if the petition or warrant is terminated by  
1693 dismissal in the family court, the attorney for the Commonwealth may seek a direct indictment in the  
1694 circuit court. If the petition or warrant is terminated by nolle prosequi in the family court, the attorney  
1695 for the Commonwealth may seek an indictment only after a preliminary hearing in family court.

1696 If the court finds that the juvenile was not fourteen years of age or older at the time of the alleged  
1697 commission of the offense or that the conditions specified in subdivision 1, 2, or 3 of subsection A have  
1698 not been met, the case shall proceed as otherwise provided for by law.

1699 E. An indictment in the circuit court cures any error or defect in any proceeding held in the family  
1700 court except with respect to the juvenile's age. If an indictment is terminated by nolle prosequi, the  
1701 Commonwealth may reinstate the proceeding by seeking a subsequent indictment.

1702 § 16.1-277. Standards for entrustment.

1703 Where a parent, *guardian* or ~~other~~ *legal* custodian seeks to be relieved of the care and custody of  
1704 any child pursuant to subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-241, or where a public or private agency seeks to gain  
1705 approval of an entrustment agreement pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204, the court shall grant the  
1706 requested relief only if it finds that: (i) suitable alternative placements exist for such child, (ii) the child  
1707 is in need of such alternative placement and (iii) a transfer of legal custody and placement outside the  
1708 child's present home would not detrimentally affect the child's life, health or development.

1709 § 16.1-278.1. Definitions.

1710 As used in this article, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1711 "Parent" includes ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian, legal custodian, or other person standing in loco parentis.

1712 "Public service project" means any governmental or quasi-governmental agency project or any project  
1713 of a nonprofit corporation or association operated exclusively for charitable or community purposes.

1714 § 16.1-278.2. Abused, neglected, or abandoned children or children without parental care.

1715 If a child is found to be (i) abused or neglected, (ii) at risk of being abused or neglected by a parent  
1716 or ~~eustodian~~ *other person responsible for his care* who has been adjudicated as having abused or  
1717 neglected another child in his care, or (iii) abandoned by his parent or other custodian, or without  
1718 parental care and guardianship because of his parent's absence or physical or mental incapacity, the  
1719 juvenile court or the circuit court may make any of the following orders of disposition to protect the  
1720 welfare of the child:

1721 1. Enter an order pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-278;

1722 2. Permit the child to remain with his parent, subject to such conditions and limitations as the court

1723 may order with respect to such child and his ~~parent or other adult occupant of the same dwelling~~

1724 *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other family or household*

1725 *member*;

1726 3. Prohibit or limit contact as the court deems appropriate between the child and his parent or other

1727 adult occupant of the same dwelling whose presence tends to endanger the child's life, health or normal

1728 development. The prohibition may exclude any such individual from the home under such conditions as

1729 the court may prescribe for a period to be determined by the court but in no event for longer than 180

1730 days from the date of such determination. A hearing shall be held within 150 days to determine further

1731 disposition of the matter which may include limiting or prohibiting contact for another 180 days;

1732 4. Permit the local board of social services or a public agency designated by the community policy

1733 and management team to place the child, subject to the provisions of § 16.1-281, in suitable family

1734 homes, child-caring institutions, residential facilities, or independent living arrangements with legal

1735 custody remaining with the parents or guardians. The local board or public agency and the parents ~~or~~

1736 *guardians, guardian or legal custodian* shall enter into an agreement which shall specify the

1737 responsibilities of each for the care and control of the child. The board or public agency which places

1738 the child shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the child.

1739 Any order allowing a local board or public agency to place a child where legal custody remains with

1740 the parents or guardians as provided in this section shall be entered only upon a finding by the court

1741 that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent placement out of the home and that continued

1742 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1743 5. After a finding that there is no less drastic alternative, transfer legal custody, subject to the

1744 provisions of § 16.1-281, to any of the following:

1745 a. A relative or other individual who, after study, is found by the court to be qualified to receive and

1746 care for the child;

1747 b. A child welfare agency, private organization or facility which is licensed or otherwise authorized

1748 by law to receive and provide care for such child; however, a court shall not transfer legal custody of an

1749 abused or neglected child to an agency, organization or facility out of the Commonwealth without the

1750 approval of the Commissioner of Social Services; or

1751 c. The local board of public welfare or social services of the county or city in which the court has

1752 jurisdiction or, at the discretion of the court, to the local board of the county or city in which the child

1753 has residence if other than the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction. The local board shall

1754 accept the child for care and custody, provided that it has been given reasonable notice of the pendency

1755 of the case and an opportunity to be heard. However, in an emergency in the county or city in which

1756 the court has jurisdiction, the local board may be required to accept a child for a period not to exceed

1757 fourteen days without prior notice or an opportunity to be heard if the judge entering the placement

1758 order describes the emergency and the need for such temporary placement in the order. Nothing in this

1759 section shall prohibit the commitment of a child to any local board of public welfare or social services

1760 in the Commonwealth when the local board consents to the commitment. The board to which the child

1761 is committed shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the child.

1762 Any order authorizing removal from the home and transferring legal custody of a child to a local

1763 board of public welfare or social services as provided in this section shall be entered only upon a

1764 finding by the court that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent removal and that continued

1765 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1766 6. Transfer legal custody pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section and order the ~~parent~~ *parents,*

1767 *guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member*

1768 to participate in such services and programs or to refrain from such conduct as the court may prescribe;

1769 or

1770 7. Terminate the rights of the parent pursuant to § 16.1-283.

1771 § 16.1-278.2. (Delayed effective date) Abused, neglected, or abandoned children or children without

1772 parental care.

1773 If a child is found to be (i) abused or neglected, (ii) at risk of being abused or neglected by a parent

1774 or ~~custodian~~ *or other person responsible for his care* who has been adjudicated as having abused or

1775 neglected another child in his care, or (iii) abandoned by his parent or other custodian, or without

1776 parental care and guardianship because of his parent's absence or physical or mental incapacity, the

1777 family court may make any of the following orders of disposition to protect the welfare of the child:

1778 1. Enter an order pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-278;

1779 2. Permit the child to remain with his parent, subject to such conditions and limitations as the court

1780 may order with respect to such child and his ~~parent or other adult occupant of the same dwelling~~ *parents,*

1781 *guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member*;

1782 3. Prohibit or limit contact as the court deems appropriate between the child and his parent or other  
 1783 adult occupant of the same dwelling whose presence tends to endanger the child's life, health or normal  
 1784 development. The prohibition may exclude any such individual from the home under such conditions as  
 1785 the court may prescribe for a period to be determined by the court but in no event for longer than 180  
 1786 days from the date of such determination. A hearing shall be held within 150 days to determine further  
 1787 disposition of the matter which may include limiting or prohibiting contact for another 180 days;

1788 4. Permit the local board of social services or a public agency designated by the community policy  
 1789 and management team to place the child, subject to the provisions of § 16.1-281, in suitable family  
 1790 homes, child caring-institutions, residential facilities, or independent living arrangements with legal  
 1791 custody remaining with the parents or guardians. The local board or public agency and the parents or  
 1792 ~~guardians~~, *guardian or legal custodian* shall enter into an agreement which shall specify the  
 1793 responsibilities of each for the care and control of the child. The board or public agency which places  
 1794 the child shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the child.

1795 Any order allowing a local board or public agency to place a child where legal custody remains with  
 1796 the parents or guardians as provided in this section shall be entered only upon a finding by the court  
 1797 that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent placement out of the home and that continued  
 1798 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1799 5. After a finding that there is no less drastic alternative, transfer legal custody, subject to the  
 1800 provisions of § 16.1-281, to any of the following:

1801 a. A relative or other individual who, after study, is found by the court to be qualified to receive and  
 1802 care for the child;

1803 b. A child welfare agency, private organization or facility which is licensed or otherwise authorized  
 1804 by law to receive and provide care for such child; however, a court shall not transfer legal custody of an  
 1805 abused or neglected child to an agency, organization or facility out of the Commonwealth without the  
 1806 approval of the Commissioner of Social Services; or

1807 c. The local board of public welfare or social services of the county or city in which the court has  
 1808 jurisdiction or, at the discretion of the court, to the local board of the county or city in which the child  
 1809 has residence if other than the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction. The local board shall  
 1810 accept the child for care and custody, provided that it has been given reasonable notice of the pendency  
 1811 of the case and an opportunity to be heard. However, in an emergency in the county or city in which  
 1812 the court has jurisdiction, the local board may be required to accept a child for a period not to exceed  
 1813 fourteen days without prior notice or an opportunity to be heard if the judge entering the placement  
 1814 order describes the emergency and the need for such temporary placement in the order. Nothing in this  
 1815 section shall prohibit the commitment of a child to any local board of public welfare or social services  
 1816 in the Commonwealth when the local board consents to the commitment. The board to which the child  
 1817 is committed shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the child.

1818 Any order authorizing removal from the home and transferring legal custody of a child to a local  
 1819 board of public welfare or social services as provided in this section shall be entered only upon a  
 1820 finding by the court that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent removal and that continued  
 1821 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1822 6. Transfer legal custody pursuant to subdivision 5 of this section and order the ~~parent~~ *parents*,  
 1823 *guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member*  
 1824 to participate in such services and programs or to refrain from such conduct as the court may prescribe;  
 1825 or

1826 7. Terminate the rights of the parent pursuant to § 16.1-283.  
 1827 § 16.1-278.3. Relief of care and custody; entrustment.

1828 When a parent or ~~other~~, *guardian or legal custodian* seeks to be relieved of the care and custody of  
 1829 any child pursuant to subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-241 or when a public or private agency seeks to gain  
 1830 approval of an entrustment agreement pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204, the juvenile court or the  
 1831 circuit court may, after compliance with § 16.1-277, make any of the orders of disposition permitted in a  
 1832 case involving an abused or neglected child pursuant to § 16.1-278.2.

1833 If the parent or ~~other~~, *guardian or legal custodian* seeks to be relieved permanently of the care and  
 1834 custody of any child or when a public or private agency seeks to gain approval of a permanent  
 1835 entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204, the juvenile court or the circuit  
 1836 court may, after compliance with § 16.1-277, terminate the parental rights of the parent or other  
 1837 custodian and appoint a local board of public welfare or social services or a licensed child-placing  
 1838 agency as custodian of the child with the authority to place the child for adoption and consent thereto.  
 1839 The remaining parent's parental rights may be terminated even though that parent has not entered into an  
 1840 entrustment agreement if the court finds, based upon clear and convincing evidence, that it is in the best  
 1841 interests of the child and that (i) the identity of the parent is not reasonably ascertainable; (ii) the  
 1842 identity and whereabouts of the parent are known or reasonably ascertainable, and the parent is  
 1843 personally served with notice of the termination proceeding pursuant to § 8.01-296 or § 8.01-320; (iii)

1844 the whereabouts of the parent are not reasonably ascertainable and the parent is given notice of  
 1845 termination proceedings by certified or registered mail to the last known address and such parent fails to  
 1846 object to the proceedings within twenty-one days of the mailing of such notice; or (iv) the whereabouts  
 1847 of the parent are not reasonably ascertainable and the parent is given notice of termination proceedings  
 1848 through an order of publication, published at least once per week in a newspaper having general  
 1849 circulation in the area for a period of four weeks, and such parent fails to object to the proceedings.  
 1850 Proceedings under this section shall be advanced on the docket so as to provide for their earliest  
 1851 practicable disposition. No order of disposition pursuant to this section shall be made over the objection  
 1852 of any party, if the disposition was not provided for or requested in the entrustment agreement or in the  
 1853 petition's prayer for relief.

1854 § 16.1-278.3. (Delayed effective date) Relief of care and custody; entrustment.

1855 When a parent ~~or other~~, *guardian or legal* custodian seeks to be relieved of the care and custody of  
 1856 any child pursuant to subdivision A 4 of § 16.1-241 or when a public or private agency seeks to gain  
 1857 approval of an entrustment agreement pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204, the family court may, after  
 1858 compliance with § 16.1-277, make any of the orders of disposition permitted in a case involving an  
 1859 abused or neglected child pursuant to § 16.1-278.2.

1860 If the parent ~~or other~~, *guardian or legal* custodian seeks to be relieved permanently of the care and  
 1861 custody of any child or when a public or private agency seeks to gain approval of a permanent  
 1862 entrustment agreement entered into pursuant to § 63.1-56 or § 63.1-204, the family court may, after  
 1863 compliance with § 16.1-277, terminate the parental rights of the parent or other custodian and appoint a  
 1864 local board of public welfare or social services or a licensed child-placing agency as custodian of the  
 1865 child with the authority to place the child for adoption and consent thereto. The remaining parent's  
 1866 parental rights may be terminated even though that parent has not entered into an entrustment agreement  
 1867 if the court finds, based upon clear and convincing evidence, that it is in the best interests of the child  
 1868 and that (i) the identity of the parent is not reasonably ascertainable; (ii) the identity and whereabouts of  
 1869 the parent are known or reasonably ascertainable, and the parent is personally served with notice of the  
 1870 termination proceeding pursuant to § 8.01-296 or § 8.01-320; (iii) the whereabouts of the parent are not  
 1871 reasonably ascertainable and the parent is given notice of termination proceedings by certified or  
 1872 registered mail to the last known address and such parent fails to object to the proceedings within  
 1873 twenty-one days of the mailing of such notice; or (iv) the whereabouts of the parent are not reasonably  
 1874 ascertainable and the parent is given notice of termination proceedings through an order of publication,  
 1875 published at least once per week in a newspaper having general circulation in the area for a period of  
 1876 four weeks, and such parent fails to object to the proceedings. Proceedings under this section shall be  
 1877 advanced on the docket so as to provide for their earliest practicable disposition. No order of disposition  
 1878 pursuant to this section shall be made over the objection of any party, if the disposition was not  
 1879 provided for or requested in the entrustment agreement or in the petition's prayer for relief.

1880 § 16.1-278.4. Children in need of services.

1881 If a child is found to be in need of services, the juvenile court or the circuit court may make any of  
 1882 the following orders of disposition for the supervision, care and rehabilitation of the child:

1883 1. Enter an order pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-278.

1884 2. Permit the child to remain with his parent subject to such conditions and limitations as the court  
 1885 may order with respect to such child and his parent.

1886 3. Order the parent, *guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other family*  
 1887 *or household member* with whom the child is living to participate in such programs, cooperate in such  
 1888 treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for  
 1889 the rehabilitation of the child and his parent *or other such person*.

1890 4. Beginning July 1, 1992, in the case of any child fourteen years of age or older, where the court  
 1891 finds that the child is not able to benefit appreciably from further schooling, the court may excuse the  
 1892 child from further compliance with any legal requirement of compulsory school attendance as provided  
 1893 under § 22.1-257 or authorize the child, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, to be employed  
 1894 in any occupation which is not legally declared hazardous for children under the age of eighteen.

1895 5. Permit the local board of social services or a public agency designated by the community policy  
 1896 and management team to place the child, subject to the provisions of § 16.1-281, in suitable family  
 1897 homes, child caring-institutions, residential facilities, or independent living arrangements with legal  
 1898 custody remaining with the parents or guardians. The local board or public agency and the parents or  
 1899 guardians shall enter into an agreement which shall specify the responsibilities of each for the care and  
 1900 control of the child. The board or public agency which places the child shall have the final authority to  
 1901 determine the appropriate placement for the child.

1902 Any order allowing a local board or public agency to place a child where legal custody remains with  
 1903 the parents or guardians as provided in this section shall be entered only upon a finding by the court  
 1904 that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent placement out of the home and that continued

1905 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1906 6. Transfer legal custody to any of the following:

1907 a. A relative or other individual who, after study, is found by the court to be qualified to receive and  
1908 care for the child;

1909 b. A child welfare agency, private organization or facility which is licensed or otherwise authorized  
1910 by law to receive and provide care for such child. The court shall not transfer legal custody of a child in  
1911 need of services to an agency, organization or facility out of the Commonwealth without the approval of  
1912 the Commissioner of Social Services; or

1913 c. The local board of public welfare or social services of the county or city in which the court has  
1914 jurisdiction or, at the discretion of the court, to the local board of the county or city in which the child  
1915 has residence if other than the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction. The local board shall  
1916 accept the child for care and custody, provided that it has been given reasonable notice of the pendency  
1917 of the case and an opportunity to be heard. However, in an emergency in the county or city in which  
1918 the court has jurisdiction, the local board may be required to accept a child for a period not to exceed  
1919 fourteen days without prior notice or an opportunity to be heard if the judge entering the placement  
1920 order describes the emergency and the need for such temporary placement in the order. Nothing in this  
1921 subdivision shall prohibit the commitment of a child to any local board of public welfare or social  
1922 services in the Commonwealth when the local board consents to the commitment. The board to which  
1923 the child is committed shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the  
1924 child.

1925 Any order authorizing removal from the home and transferring legal custody of a child to a local  
1926 board of public welfare or social services as provided in this subdivision shall be entered only upon a  
1927 finding by the court that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent removal and that continued  
1928 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1929 7. Require the child to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court  
1930 prescribes.

1931 § 16.1-278.4. (Delayed effective date) Children in need of services.

1932 If a child is found to be in need of services, the family court or the circuit court may make any of  
1933 the following orders of disposition for the supervision, care and rehabilitation of the child:

1934 1. Enter an order pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-278.

1935 2. Permit the child to remain with his parent subject to such conditions and limitations as the court  
1936 may order with respect to such child and his parent.

1937 3. Order the parent, *guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or other family*  
1938 *or household member* with whom the child is living to participate in such programs, cooperate in such  
1939 treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for  
1940 the rehabilitation of the child and his parent *or other such person*.

1941 4. In the case of any child fourteen years of age or older, where the court finds that the child is not  
1942 able to benefit appreciably from further schooling, the court may excuse the child from further  
1943 compliance with any legal requirement of compulsory school attendance as provided under § 22.1-257 or  
1944 authorize the child, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, to be employed in any occupation  
1945 which is not legally declared hazardous for children under the age of eighteen.

1946 5. Permit the local board of social services or a public agency designated by the community policy  
1947 and management team to place the child, subject to the provisions of § 16.1-281, in suitable family  
1948 homes, child caring-institutions, residential facilities, or independent living arrangements with legal  
1949 custody remaining with the parents or guardians. The local board or public agency and the ~~parents or~~  
1950 ~~guardians~~ *parent, guardian or legal custodian* shall enter into an agreement which shall specify the  
1951 responsibilities of each for the care and control of the child. The board or public agency which places  
1952 the child shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the child.

1953 Any order allowing a local board or public agency to place a child where legal custody remains with  
1954 the parents or guardians as provided in this section shall be entered only upon a finding by the court  
1955 that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent placement out of the home and that continued  
1956 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1957 6. Transfer legal custody to any of the following:

1958 a. A relative or other individual who, after study, is found by the court to be qualified to receive and  
1959 care for the child;

1960 b. A child welfare agency, private organization or facility which is licensed or otherwise authorized  
1961 by law to receive and provide care for such child. The court shall not transfer legal custody of a child in  
1962 need of services to an agency, organization or facility out of the Commonwealth without the approval of  
1963 the Commissioner of Social Services; or

1964 c. The local board of public welfare or social services of the county or city in which the court has  
1965 jurisdiction or, at the discretion of the court, to the local board of the county or city in which the child  
1966 has residence if other than the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction. The local board shall

1967 accept the child for care and custody, provided that it has been given reasonable notice of the pendency  
 1968 of the case and an opportunity to be heard. However, in an emergency in the county or city in which  
 1969 the court has jurisdiction, the local board may be required to accept a child for a period not to exceed  
 1970 fourteen days without prior notice or an opportunity to be heard if the judge entering the placement  
 1971 order describes the emergency and the need for such temporary placement in the order. Nothing in this  
 1972 subdivision shall prohibit the commitment of a child to any local board of public welfare or social  
 1973 services in the Commonwealth when the local board consents to the commitment. The board to which  
 1974 the child is committed shall have the final authority to determine the appropriate placement for the  
 1975 child.

1976 Any order authorizing removal from the home and transferring legal custody of a child to a local  
 1977 board of public welfare or social services as provided in this subdivision shall be entered only upon a  
 1978 finding by the court that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent removal and that continued  
 1979 placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, and the order shall so state.

1980 7. Require the child to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court  
 1981 prescribes.

1982 § 16.1-278.5. Children in need of supervision.

1983 A. If a child is found to be in need of supervision, the court shall, before final disposition of the  
 1984 case, direct the appropriate public agency to evaluate the child's service needs using an interdisciplinary  
 1985 team approach. The team shall consist of qualified personnel who are reasonably available from the  
 1986 appropriate department of social services, community services board, local school division, court service  
 1987 unit and other appropriate and available public and private agencies and may be the family assessment  
 1988 and planning team established pursuant to § 2.1-753. A report of the evaluation shall be filed as  
 1989 provided in § 16.1-274 A.

1990 B. The court may make any of the following orders of disposition for the supervision, care and  
 1991 rehabilitation of the child:

1992 1. Enter any order of disposition authorized by § 16.1-278.4 for a child found to be in need of  
 1993 services;

1994 2. Place the child on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe  
 1995 including suspension of the child's driver's license upon terms and conditions which may include the  
 1996 issuance of a restricted license for those purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1;

1997 3. Order the child and/or his ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco*  
 1998 *parentis or other family or household member* to participate in such programs, cooperate in such  
 1999 treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for  
 2000 the rehabilitation of the child;

2001 4. Require the child to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court may  
 2002 prescribe; or

2003 5. a. Beginning July 1, 1992, in the case of any child subject to compulsory school attendance as  
 2004 provided in § 22.1-254, where the court finds that the child's parent is in violation of §§ 22.1-254,  
 2005 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  
 2006 court may order the parent with whom the child is living to participate in such programs, cooperate in  
 2007 such treatment, or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are  
 2008 designed for the rehabilitation of the child and/or the parent. Upon the failure of the parent to so  
 2009 participate or cooperate, or to comply with the conditions and limitations that the court orders, the court  
 2010 may impose a fine of not more than \$100 for each day in which the person fails to comply with the  
 2011 court order.

2012 b. If the court finds that the parent has willfully disobeyed a lawful process, judgment, decree, or  
 2013 court order requiring such person to comply with the compulsory school attendance law, in addition to  
 2014 any conditions or limitations that the court may order or any penalties provided by §§ 16.1-278.2  
 2015 through 16.1-278.19, 22.1-263 or § 22.1-265, the court may impose the penalty authorized by  
 2016 § 18.2-371.

2017 C. Any order entered pursuant to this section shall be provided in writing to the child, his parent or,  
 2018 *guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis, or other family or household member*  
 2019 and to the child's attorney and shall contain adequate notice of the provisions of § 16.1-292 regarding  
 2020 willful violation of such order.

2021 § 16.1-278.5. (Delayed effective date) Children in need of supervision.

2022 A. If a child is found to be in need of supervision, the court shall, before final disposition of the  
 2023 case, direct the appropriate public agency to evaluate the child's service needs using an interdisciplinary  
 2024 team approach. The team shall consist of qualified personnel who are reasonably available from the  
 2025 appropriate department of social services, community services board, local school division, court service  
 2026 unit and other appropriate and available public and private agencies and may be the family assessment  
 2027 and planning team established pursuant to § 2.1-753. A report of the evaluation shall be filed as

2028 provided in § 16.1-274 A.

2029 B. The court may make any of the following orders of disposition for the supervision, care and  
2030 rehabilitation of the child:

2031 1. Enter any order of disposition authorized by § 16.1-278.4 for a child found to be in need of  
2032 services;

2033 2. Place the child on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe  
2034 including suspension of the child's driver's license upon terms and conditions which may include the  
2035 issuance of a restricted license for those purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1;

2036 3. Order the child and/or his ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco*  
2037 *parentis or other family or household member* to participate in such programs, ~~cooperate~~ *cooperate*  
2038 such treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are  
2039 designed for the rehabilitation of the child;

2040 4. Require the child to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court may  
2041 prescribe; or

2042 5. a. In the case of any child subject to compulsory school attendance as provided in § 22.1-254,  
2043 where the court finds that the child's parent is in violation of §§ 22.1-254, 22.1-255, 22.1-265, or  
2044 § 22.1-267, in addition to any penalties provided in § 22.1-263 or § 22.1-265, the court may order the  
2045 parent with whom the child is living to participate in such programs, cooperate in such treatment, or be  
2046 subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and as are designed for the  
2047 rehabilitation of the child and/or the parent. Upon the failure of the parent to so participate or cooperate,  
2048 or to comply with the conditions and limitations that the court orders, the court may impose a fine of  
2049 not more than \$100 for each day in which the person fails to comply with the court order.

2050 b. If the court finds that the parent has willfully disobeyed a lawful process, judgment, decree, or  
2051 court order requiring such person to comply with the compulsory school attendance law, in addition to  
2052 any conditions or limitations that the court may order or any penalties provided by §§ 16.1-278.2  
2053 through 16.1-278.19, 22.1-263 or § 22.1-265, the court may impose the penalty authorized by  
2054 § 18.2-371.

2055 C. Any order entered pursuant to this section shall be provided in writing to the child, his parent ~~or~~,  
2056 *guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis, or other family or household member*  
2057 and to the child's attorney and shall contain adequate notice of the provisions of § 16.1-292 regarding  
2058 willful violation of such order.

2059 § 16.1-278.8. Delinquent juveniles.

2060 If a juvenile is found to be delinquent, except where such finding involves a refusal to take a blood  
2061 or breath test in violation of § 18.2-268.2 or a similar ordinance, the juvenile court or the circuit court  
2062 may make any of the following orders of disposition for his supervision, care and rehabilitation:

2063 1. Enter an order pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-278;

2064 2. Permit the juvenile to remain with his parent, subject to such conditions and limitations as the  
2065 court may order with respect to the juvenile and his ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other*  
2066 *person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member*;

2067 3. Order the ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or*  
2068 *other family or household member* of a juvenile living with him to participate in such programs,  
2069 cooperate in such treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and  
2070 as are designed for the rehabilitation of the juvenile and his ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian,*  
2071 *other person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member*;

2072 4. Defer disposition for a period of time not to exceed twelve months, after which time the charge  
2073 may be dismissed by the judge if the juvenile exhibits good behavior during the period for which  
2074 disposition is deferred;

2075 4a. Defer disposition and place the juvenile in the temporary custody of the Department to attend a  
2076 boot camp established pursuant to § 66-13 provided the juvenile (i) is otherwise eligible for commitment  
2077 to the Department, (ii) has not previously been and is not currently being adjudicated delinquent or  
2078 found guilty of a violent juvenile felony, (iii) has not previously attended a boot camp and (iv) has not  
2079 previously been committed to and received by the Department. Upon the juvenile's withdrawal, removal  
2080 or refusal to comply with the terms and conditions of participation in the program, he shall be brought  
2081 before the court for a hearing at which the court may impose any other disposition as authorized by this  
2082 section which could have been imposed at the time the juvenile was placed in the custody of the  
2083 Department;

2084 5. Without entering a judgment of guilty and with the consent of the juvenile and his attorney, defer  
2085 disposition of the delinquency charge for a period not to exceed twelve months and place the juvenile  
2086 on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe. Upon fulfillment of the  
2087 terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the juvenile and dismiss the proceedings against him.  
2088 Discharge and dismissal under these provisions shall be without adjudication of guilt;

2089 6. Order the parent of a juvenile with whom the juvenile does not reside to participate in such

2090 programs, cooperate in such treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may  
 2091 order and as are designed for the rehabilitation of the juvenile where the court determines this  
 2092 participation to be in the best interest of the juvenile and other parties concerned and where the court  
 2093 determines it reasonable to expect the parent to be able to comply with such order;

2094 7. Place the juvenile on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe;

2095 8. Impose a fine not to exceed \$500 upon such juvenile;

2096 9. Suspend the motor vehicle and driver's license of such juvenile or impose a curfew on the juvenile  
 2097 as to the hours during which he may operate a motor vehicle. Any juvenile whose driver's license is  
 2098 suspended may be referred for an assessment and subsequent referral to appropriate services, upon such  
 2099 terms and conditions as the court may order. The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of  
 2100 hardship, may authorize the use of a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle by any juvenile who  
 2101 enters such program for any of the purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1 or for travel to  
 2102 and from school. The restricted permit shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of such  
 2103 subsection. However, only an abstract of the court order which identifies the juvenile and the conditions  
 2104 under which the restricted license is to be issued shall be sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

2105 If a curfew is imposed, the juvenile shall surrender his driver's license, which shall be held in the  
 2106 physical custody of the court during any period of curfew restriction. The court shall send an abstract of  
 2107 any order issued under the provisions of this section to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which shall  
 2108 preserve a record thereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of this  
 2109 chapter or the provisions of Title 46.2, this record shall be available only to all law-enforcement  
 2110 officers, attorneys for the Commonwealth and courts. A copy of the court order, upon which shall be  
 2111 noted all curfew restrictions, shall be provided to the juvenile and shall contain such information  
 2112 regarding the juvenile as is reasonably necessary to identify him. The juvenile may operate a motor  
 2113 vehicle under the court order in accordance with its terms.

2114 Any juvenile who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any restrictions imposed pursuant to this  
 2115 section shall be guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

2116 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall refuse to issue a driver's license to any juvenile denied a  
 2117 driver's license until such time as is stipulated in the court order or until notification by the court of  
 2118 withdrawal of the order imposing the curfew;

2119 10. Require the juvenile to make restitution or reparation to the aggrieved party or parties for actual  
 2120 damages or loss caused by the offense for which the juvenile was found to be delinquent;

2121 11. Require the juvenile to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court  
 2122 prescribes;

2123 12. In case of traffic violations, impose only those penalties which are authorized to be imposed on  
 2124 adults for such violations. However, for those violations punishable by confinement if committed by an  
 2125 adult, confinement shall be imposed only as authorized by this title;

2126 13. Transfer legal custody to any of the following:

2127 a. A relative or other individual who, after study, is found by the court to be qualified to receive and  
 2128 care for the juvenile;

2129 b. A child welfare agency, private organization or facility which is licensed or otherwise authorized  
 2130 by law to receive and provide care for such juvenile. The court shall not transfer legal custody of a  
 2131 delinquent juvenile to an agency, organization or facility outside of the Commonwealth without the  
 2132 approval of the Director; or

2133 c. The local board of public welfare or social services of the county or city in which the court has  
 2134 jurisdiction or, at the discretion of the court, to the local board of the county or city in which the  
 2135 juvenile has residence if other than the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction. The board  
 2136 shall accept the juvenile for care and custody, provided that it has been given reasonable notice of the  
 2137 pendency of the case and an opportunity to be heard. However, in an emergency in the county or city in  
 2138 which the court has jurisdiction, such local board may be required to temporarily accept a juvenile for a  
 2139 period not to exceed fourteen days without prior notice or an opportunity to be heard if the judge  
 2140 entering the placement order describes the emergency and the need for such temporary placement in the  
 2141 order. Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit the commitment of a juvenile to any local board of  
 2142 public welfare or social services in the Commonwealth when such local board consents to the  
 2143 commitment. The board to which the juvenile is committed shall have the final authority to determine  
 2144 the appropriate placement for the juvenile. Any order authorizing removal from the home and  
 2145 transferring legal custody of a juvenile to a local board of public welfare or social services as provided  
 2146 in this subdivision shall be entered only upon a finding by the court that reasonable efforts have been  
 2147 made to prevent removal and that continued placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of  
 2148 the juvenile, and the order shall so state;

2149 14. Commit the juvenile to the Department of Juvenile Justice, but only if he is older than ten years  
 2150 of age and the current offense is (i) an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult or (ii)

2151 an offense which would be a Class 1 misdemeanor if committed by an adult and the juvenile has  
2152 previously been found to be delinquent based on an offense which would be either a felony or Class 1  
2153 misdemeanor if committed by an adult;

2154 15. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-284;

2155 16. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-284.1;

2156 17. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-285.1; or

2157 18. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-278.9.

2158 § 16.1-278.8. (Delayed effective date) Delinquent juveniles.

2159 If a juvenile is found to be delinquent, except where such finding involves a refusal to take a blood  
2160 or breath test in violation of § 18.2-268.2 or a similar ordinance, the family court or the circuit court  
2161 may make any of the following orders of disposition for his supervision, care and rehabilitation:

2162 1. Enter an order pursuant to the provisions of § 16.1-278;

2163 2. Permit the juvenile to remain with his parent, subject to such conditions and limitations as the  
2164 court may order with respect to the juvenile and his ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other*  
2165 *person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member;*

2166 3. Order the ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian, other person standing in loco parentis or*  
2167 *other family or household member* of a juvenile living with him to participate in such programs,  
2168 cooperate in such treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may order and  
2169 as are designed for the rehabilitation of the juvenile and his ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian,*  
2170 *other person standing in loco parentis or other family or household member;*

2171 4. Defer disposition for a period of time not to exceed twelve months, after which time the charge  
2172 may be dismissed by the judge if the juvenile exhibits good behavior during the period for which  
2173 disposition is deferred;

2174 4a. Defer disposition and place the juvenile in the temporary custody of the Department to attend a  
2175 boot camp established pursuant to § 66-13 provided the juvenile (i) is otherwise eligible for commitment  
2176 to the Department, (ii) has not previously been and is not currently being adjudicated delinquent or  
2177 found guilty of a violent juvenile felony, (iii) has not previously attended a boot camp and (iv) has not  
2178 previously been committed to and received by the Department. Upon the juvenile's withdrawal, removal  
2179 or refusal to comply with the terms and conditions of participation in the program, he shall be brought  
2180 before the court for a hearing at which the court may impose any other disposition as authorized by this  
2181 section which could have been imposed at the time the juvenile was placed in the custody of the  
2182 Department;

2183 5. Without entering a judgment of guilty and with the consent of the juvenile and his attorney, defer  
2184 disposition of the delinquency charge for a period not to exceed twelve months and place the juvenile  
2185 on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe. Upon fulfillment of the  
2186 terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the juvenile and dismiss the proceedings against him.  
2187 Discharge and dismissal under these provisions shall be without adjudication of guilt;

2188 6. Order the parent of a juvenile with whom the juvenile does not reside to participate in such  
2189 programs, cooperate in such treatment or be subject to such conditions and limitations as the court may  
2190 order and as are designed for the rehabilitation of the juvenile where the court determines this  
2191 participation to be in the best interest of the juvenile and other parties concerned and where the court  
2192 determines it reasonable to expect the parent to be able to comply with such order;

2193 7. Place the juvenile on probation under such conditions and limitations as the court may prescribe;

2194 8. Impose a fine not to exceed \$500 upon such juvenile;

2195 9. Suspend the motor vehicle and driver's license of such juvenile or impose a curfew on the juvenile  
2196 as to the hours during which he may operate a motor vehicle. Any juvenile whose driver's license is  
2197 suspended may be referred for an assessment and subsequent referral to appropriate services, upon such  
2198 terms and conditions as the court may order. The court, in its discretion and upon a demonstration of  
2199 hardship, may authorize the use of a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle by any juvenile who  
2200 enters such program for any of the purposes set forth in subsection E of § 18.2-271.1 or for travel to  
2201 and from school. The restricted permit shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of such  
2202 subsection. However, only an abstract of the court order which identifies the juvenile and the conditions  
2203 under which the restricted license is to be issued shall be sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

2204 If a curfew is imposed, the juvenile shall surrender his driver's license, which shall be held in the  
2205 physical custody of the court during any period of curfew restriction. The court shall send an abstract of  
2206 any order issued under the provisions of this section to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which shall  
2207 preserve a record thereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 (§ 16.1-299 et seq.) of this  
2208 chapter or the provisions of Title 46.2, this record shall be available only to all law-enforcement  
2209 officers, attorneys for the Commonwealth and courts. A copy of the court order, upon which shall be  
2210 noted all curfew restrictions, shall be provided to the juvenile and shall contain such information  
2211 regarding the juvenile as is reasonably necessary to identify him. The juvenile may operate a motor  
2212 vehicle under the court order in accordance with its terms.

2213 Any juvenile who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any restrictions imposed pursuant to this  
 2214 section shall be guilty of a violation of § 46.2-301.

2215 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall refuse to issue a driver's license to any juvenile denied a  
 2216 driver's license until such time as is stipulated in the court order or until notification by the court of  
 2217 withdrawal of the order imposing the curfew;

2218 10. Require the juvenile to make restitution or reparation to the aggrieved party or parties for actual  
 2219 damages or loss caused by the offense for which the juvenile was found to be delinquent;

2220 11. Require the juvenile to participate in a public service project under such conditions as the court  
 2221 prescribes;

2222 12. In case of traffic violations, impose only those penalties which are authorized to be imposed on  
 2223 adults for such violations. However, for those violations punishable by confinement if committed by an  
 2224 adult, confinement shall be imposed only as authorized by this title;

2225 13. Transfer legal custody to any of the following:

2226 a. A relative or other individual who, after study, is found by the court to be qualified to receive and  
 2227 care for the juvenile;

2228 b. A child welfare agency, private organization or facility which is licensed or otherwise authorized  
 2229 by law to receive and provide care for such juvenile. The court shall not transfer legal custody of a  
 2230 delinquent juvenile to an agency, organization or facility outside of the Commonwealth without the  
 2231 approval of the Director; or

2232 c. The local board of public welfare or social services of the county or city in which the court has  
 2233 jurisdiction or, at the discretion of the court, to the local board of the county or city in which the  
 2234 juvenile has residence if other than the county or city in which the court has jurisdiction. The board  
 2235 shall accept the juvenile for care and custody, provided that it has been given reasonable notice of the  
 2236 pendency of the case and an opportunity to be heard. However, in an emergency in the county or city in  
 2237 which the court has jurisdiction, such local board may be required to temporarily accept a juvenile for a  
 2238 period not to exceed fourteen days without prior notice or an opportunity to be heard if the judge  
 2239 entering the placement order describes the emergency and the need for such temporary placement in the  
 2240 order. Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit the commitment of a juvenile to any local board of  
 2241 public welfare or social services in the Commonwealth when such local board consents to the  
 2242 commitment. The board to which the juvenile is committed shall have the final authority to determine  
 2243 the appropriate placement for the juvenile. Any order authorizing removal from the home and  
 2244 transferring legal custody of a juvenile to a local board of public welfare or social services as provided  
 2245 in this subdivision shall be entered only upon a finding by the court that reasonable efforts have been  
 2246 made to prevent removal and that continued placement in the home would be contrary to the welfare of  
 2247 the juvenile, and the order shall so state;

2248 14. Commit the juvenile to the Department of Juvenile Justice, but only if he is older than ten years  
 2249 of age and the current offense is (i) an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult or (ii)  
 2250 an offense which would be a Class 1 misdemeanor if committed by an adult and the juvenile has  
 2251 previously been found to be delinquent based on an offense which would be either a felony or Class 1  
 2252 misdemeanor if committed by an adult;

2253 15. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-284;

2254 16. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-284.1;

2255 17. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-285.1; or

2256 18. Impose the penalty authorized by § 16.1-278.9.

2257 § 16.1-281. Foster care plan.

2258 A. In any case in which (i) a local board of social services or a public agency designated by the  
 2259 community policy and management team places a child through an agreement with the parents or  
 2260 guardians where legal custody remains with the parents ~~or~~, guardian, *legal custodian or other person*  
 2261 *standing in loco parentis* or (ii) legal custody of a child is given to a local board of public welfare or  
 2262 social services or a child welfare agency, the department of public welfare or social services, the public  
 2263 agency designated or child welfare agency or the family assessment and planning team established  
 2264 pursuant to § 2.1-753 shall prepare a foster care plan for such child, as described hereinafter. The  
 2265 individual family service plan developed by the family assessment and planning team pursuant to  
 2266 § 2.1-754 may be accepted by the court as the foster care plan if it meets the requirements of this  
 2267 section. The representatives of such department, agency, or team shall consult with the child's parents,  
 2268 except when parental rights have been terminated, ~~and any guardian, legal custodian or other person or~~  
 2269 ~~persons~~ standing in loco parentis at the time the board or child welfare agency obtained custody or the  
 2270 board or the public agency placed the child, concerning the matters which should be included in such  
 2271 plan. The department, public agency, child welfare agency or team shall file the plan with the juvenile  
 2272 and domestic relations district court within sixty days following the transfer of custody or the board's or  
 2273 public agency's placement of the child unless the court, for good cause shown, allows an extension of

2274 time, which shall not exceed an additional sixty days. A foster care plan need not be prepared if the  
 2275 child is returned to his prior family or placed in an adoptive home within sixty days following transfer  
 2276 of custody to the board or agency or the board's or public agency's placement of the child.

2277 B. The foster care plan shall describe (i) the programs, care, services and other support which will be  
 2278 offered to the child and his parents ~~and other prior custodians, guardian, legal custodian or other person~~  
 2279 ~~standing in loco parentis~~, (ii) the participation and conduct which will be sought from the child's parents  
 2280 ~~and other prior custodians, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis~~, (iii) the  
 2281 visitation and other contacts which will be permitted between the child and his parents ~~and other prior~~  
 2282 ~~custodians, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis~~, (iv) the nature of the  
 2283 placement or placements which will be provided for the child, and (v) in writing and where appropriate  
 2284 for children age sixteen or over, the programs and services which will help the child prepare for the  
 2285 transition from foster care to independent living. The plan shall be designed to lead to the return of the  
 2286 child to his parents ~~or other prior custodians, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco~~  
 2287 ~~parentis~~ within the shortest practicable time which shall be specified in the plan. However, if the  
 2288 department, child welfare agency or team determines that it is not reasonably likely that the child can be  
 2289 returned to his prior family within a practicable time, consistent with the best interests of the child, in a  
 2290 separate section of the plan the department, child welfare agency or team shall (i) include a full  
 2291 description of the reasons for this conclusion, (ii) determine the opportunities for placing the child with  
 2292 a relative or in an adoptive home, (iii) design the plan to lead to the child's successful placement with a  
 2293 relative if a subsequent transfer of custody to the relative is planned, or in an adoptive home within the  
 2294 shortest practicable time, and if neither of such placements is feasible, (iv) explain why permanent foster  
 2295 care or continued foster care is the plan for the child. The department or agency may include with such  
 2296 proposed plan a proper pleading seeking the termination of residual parental rights pursuant to  
 2297 § 16.1-283.

2298 C. A copy of the entire foster care plan shall be sent by the court to the attorney for the child, the  
 2299 child's parents ~~or any other person standing in loco parentis, guardian, legal custodian or other person~~  
 2300 ~~standing in loco parentis~~ at the time the board or child welfare agency obtained custody or the board or  
 2301 public agency placed the child and such other persons as appear to the court to have a proper interest in  
 2302 the plan. However, a copy of the plan shall not be sent to a parent whose parental rights regarding the  
 2303 child have been terminated. A copy of the plan, excluding the section of the plan describing the reasons  
 2304 why the child cannot be returned home and the alternative chosen, shall be sent by the court to the  
 2305 foster parents. Any party receiving a copy of the plan may petition the court for a review of the plan.  
 2306 The judge shall review each petition so filed to determine if there is good cause shown for a hearing on  
 2307 the plan. If the judge makes any revision in any part of the foster care plan, a copy of the changes shall  
 2308 be sent by the court to all persons who received a copy of the original of that part of the plan.

2309 D. The court in which the foster care plan is filed shall be notified immediately if the child is  
 2310 returned to his parents ~~or other persons standing in loco parentis, guardian, legal custodian or other~~  
 2311 ~~person standing in loco parentis~~ at the time the board or agency obtained custody or the board or public  
 2312 agency placed the child.

2313 E. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the juvenile judge or the staff of the juvenile  
 2314 court, upon order of the judge, to review the status of children in the custody of local boards of public  
 2315 welfare or social services or placed by local boards of social services or the public agency designated by  
 2316 the community policy and management team on its own motion. The court shall appoint an attorney to  
 2317 act as guardian ad litem to represent the child any time a hearing is held to review the foster care plan  
 2318 filed for the child or to review the child's status in foster care.

2319 § 16.1-281. (Delayed effective date) Foster care plan.

2320 A. In any case in which (i) a local board of social services or a public agency designated by the  
 2321 community policy and management team places a child through an agreement with the parents or  
 2322 guardians where legal custody remains with the parents ~~or, guardian, legal custodian or other person~~  
 2323 ~~standing in loco parentis~~ or (ii) legal custody of a child is given to a local board of public welfare or  
 2324 social services, the department of public welfare or social services, the public agency designated or child  
 2325 welfare agency or the family assessment and planning team established pursuant to § 2.1-753 shall  
 2326 prepare a foster care plan for such child, as described hereinafter. The individual family service plan  
 2327 developed by the family assessment and planning team pursuant to § 2.1-754 may be accepted by the  
 2328 court as the foster care plan if it meets the requirements of this section. The representatives of such  
 2329 department, agency or team shall consult with the child's parents, except when parental rights have been  
 2330 terminated, ~~and any guardian, legal custodian or other person or persons~~ standing in loco parentis at the  
 2331 time the board or child welfare agency obtained custody or the board or the public agency placed the  
 2332 child, concerning the matters which should be included in such plan. The department, public agency,  
 2333 child welfare agency or team shall file the plan with the family court within sixty days following the  
 2334 transfer of custody or the board's or public agency's placement of the child unless the court, for good  
 2335 cause shown, allows an extension of time, which shall not exceed an additional sixty days. A foster care

2336 plan need not be prepared if the child is returned to his prior family or placed in an adoptive home  
2337 within sixty days following transfer of custody to the board or agency or the board's or public agency's  
2338 placement of the child.

2339 B. The foster care plan shall describe (i) the programs, care, services and other support which will be  
2340 offered to the child and his parents ~~and other prior eustodians,~~ guardian, legal custodian or other person  
2341 standing in loco parentis, (ii) the participation and conduct which will be sought from the child's parents  
2342 ~~and other prior eustodians,~~ guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis, (iii) the  
2343 visitation and other contacts which will be permitted between the child and his parents ~~and other prior~~  
2344 ~~eustodians~~ guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis, (iv) the nature of the  
2345 placement or placements which will be provided for the child, and (v) in writing and where appropriate  
2346 for children age sixteen or over, the programs and services which will help the child prepare for the  
2347 transition from foster care to independent living. The plan shall be designed to lead to the return of the  
2348 child to his parents ~~or other prior eustodians,~~ guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco  
2349 parentis within the shortest practicable time which shall be specified in the plan. However, if the  
2350 department, child welfare agency or team determines that it is not reasonably likely that the child can be  
2351 returned to his prior family within a practicable time, consistent with the best interests of the child, in a  
2352 separate section of the plan the department, child welfare agency or team shall (i) include a full  
2353 description of the reasons for this conclusion, (ii) determine the opportunities for placing the child with  
2354 a relative or in an adoptive home, (iii) design the plan to lead to the child's successful placement with a  
2355 relative if a subsequent transfer of custody to the relative is planned, or in an adoptive home within the  
2356 shortest practicable time, and if neither of such placements is feasible, (iv) explain why permanent foster  
2357 care or continued foster care is the plan for the child. The department or agency may include with such  
2358 proposed plan a proper pleading seeking the termination of residual parental rights pursuant to  
2359 § 16.1-283.

2360 C. A copy of the entire foster care plan shall be sent by the court to the attorney for the child, the  
2361 child's parents, guardian, legal custodian or ~~any~~ other person standing in loco parentis at the time the  
2362 board or child welfare agency obtained custody or the board or public agency placed the child and such  
2363 other persons as appear to the court to have a proper interest in the plan. However, a copy of the plan  
2364 shall not be sent to a parent whose parental rights regarding the child have been terminated. A copy of the  
2365 plan, excluding the section of the plan describing the reasons why the child cannot be returned home  
2366 and the alternative chosen, shall be sent by the court to the foster parents. Any party receiving a copy of  
2367 the plan may petition the court for a review of the plan. The judge shall review each petition so filed to  
2368 determine if there is good cause shown for a hearing on the plan. If the judge makes any revision in any  
2369 part of the foster care plan, a copy of the changes shall be sent by the court to all persons who received  
2370 a copy of the original of that part of the plan.

2371 D. The court in which the foster care plan is filed shall be notified immediately if the child is  
2372 returned to his parents or other persons standing in loco parentis at the time the board or agency  
2373 obtained custody or the board or public agency placed the child.

2374 E. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the judge or the staff of the family court, upon  
2375 order of the judge, to review the status of children in the custody of local boards of public welfare or  
2376 social services or placed by local boards of social services or the public agency designated by the  
2377 community policy and management team on its own motion. The court shall appoint an attorney to act  
2378 as guardian ad litem to represent the child any time a hearing is held to review the foster care plan filed  
2379 for the child or to review the child's status in foster care.

2380 § 16.1-282. Foster care review.

2381 A. This section shall apply to all children placed through an agreement between the parents ~~or~~  
2382 ~~guardians,~~ guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and the local board of  
2383 social services or a public agency designated by the community policy and management team where  
2384 legal custody remains with the parents ~~or guardians,~~ guardian, legal custodian or other person standing  
2385 in loco parentis or under the legal custody of a local board of public welfare or social services or a  
2386 child welfare agency (i) who were the subjects of a foster care plan filed with the court pursuant to  
2387 § 16.1-281 and (ii) who have not been returned to their prior family or placed in an adoptive home  
2388 within ten months following the initial foster care placement of the child.

2389 B. Any interested party, including the parent, guardian, legal custodian or person who stood in loco  
2390 parentis prior to the board's or child welfare agency's assumption of legal custody or the board's or  
2391 public agency's placement of the child, may file with the court the petition hereinafter described for each  
2392 such child within ten months after the initial foster care placement of the child. However, if a petition is  
2393 not filed by such interested party, then the board or child welfare agency having legal custody or the  
2394 board or public agency placing the child shall file the petition within ten months after the initial foster  
2395 care placement.

2396 The petition shall:

2397 1. Be filed in the court in which the foster care plan was filed for the child. Upon the order of such  
2398 court, however, the petition may be filed in the court of the county or city in which the board or child  
2399 welfare agency having legal custody or having placed the child has its principal office or where the  
2400 child resides;

2401 2. Include a copy of the foster care plan previously filed for such child;

2402 3. State, if such is reasonably obtainable, the current address of the child's parents and, if the child  
2403 was in the custody of a *guardian, legal custodian or other person* or ~~persons~~ standing in loco parentis at  
2404 the time the board or child welfare agency obtained legal custody or the board or public agency placed  
2405 the child, of such person or persons;

2406 4. Describe the placement or placements provided for the child while in foster care and the services  
2407 or programs offered to the child and his parents and, if applicable, ~~the persons~~ *previously guardian,*  
2408 *legal custodian or other person* standing in loco parentis;

2409 5. Describe the nature and frequency of the contacts between the child and his parents and, if  
2410 applicable, ~~the persons~~ *previously guardian, legal custodian or other person* standing in loco parentis;

2411 6. Set forth in detail the manner in which the foster care plan previously filed with the court was or  
2412 was not complied with and the extent to which the goals thereof have been met; and

2413 7. Set forth the disposition sought and the grounds therefor; however, if a continuation of foster care  
2414 is recommended, a foster care plan for such period of continued foster care shall also be included and  
2415 shall address (i) the role the current foster parents or other care providers will play in the future  
2416 planning for the child and (ii) in the case of a child who has attained age sixteen, the services and  
2417 programs needed to assist the child to make a transition from foster care to independent living.

2418 C. Upon receipt of the petition filed by the board, public agency, child welfare agency, or any  
2419 interested party as provided in subsection B of this section, the court shall schedule a hearing within  
2420 sixty days and shall provide notice of the hearing and a copy of the petition to the following, each of  
2421 whom shall be a party entitled to participate in the proceeding:

2422 1. The child, if he is twelve years of age or older;

2423 2. The attorney-at-law representing the child as guardian ad litem;

2424 3. The child's parents and, if the child was in the custody of a *guardian, legal custodian or other*  
2425 *person* standing in loco parentis at the time the department obtained custody, such person or persons. No  
2426 such notification shall be required, however, if the judge certifies on the record that the identity of the  
2427 parent or ~~guardian~~ *other such person* is not reasonably ascertainable. An affidavit of the mother that the  
2428 identity of the father is not reasonably ascertainable shall be sufficient evidence of this fact, provided  
2429 there is no other evidence before the court which would refute such an affidavit;

2430 4. The foster parent or foster parents or other care providers of the child;

2431 5. The petitioning board, public agency or child welfare agency; and

2432 6. Such other persons as the court, in its discretion, may direct.

2433 D. At the conclusion of the hearing, the court shall, upon the proof adduced and in accordance with  
2434 the best interests of the child, enter any appropriate order of disposition consistent with the dispositional  
2435 alternatives available to the court at the time of the original hearing. The court order shall state whether  
2436 reasonable efforts, if applicable, have been made to reunite the child with his parents, *guardian, legal*  
2437 *custodian* or other person standing in loco parentis to the child.

2438 E. The court shall possess continuing jurisdiction over cases reviewed under this section for so long  
2439 as a child remains in a foster care placement or, when a child is returned to his prior family subject to  
2440 conditions imposed by the court, for so long as such conditions are effective. After the hearing required  
2441 pursuant to subsection C hereof, the court shall schedule a hearing on the case annually thereafter,  
2442 except in the case of a child placed in permanent foster care after a hearing held pursuant to  
2443 § 63.1-206.1, or within thirty days upon the petition of any party entitled to notice in proceedings under  
2444 this section when the judge determines there is good cause shown for such a hearing.

2445 F. In the case of a child who has not been returned to his prior family or placed in an adoptive  
2446 home or placed in permanent foster care within twenty-four months following the initial foster care  
2447 placement of the child, the board, public agency or child welfare agency shall file a petition to (i)  
2448 transfer the custody of the child to his prior family, (ii) transfer custody of the child to a relative other  
2449 than the child's prior family or dissolve the board's or public agency's placement agreement and return  
2450 the child to his prior family, (iii) place the child in permanent foster care, (iv) terminate residual  
2451 parental rights pursuant to § 16.1-283, (v) continue custody with the board or agency or placement with  
2452 the board or public agency through a parental agreement or (vi) transfer custody to the board or child  
2453 welfare agency from the parents or guardian of a child who has been in foster care through an  
2454 agreement where the parents or guardian retain custody. The board, public agency, or child welfare  
2455 agency shall petition for alternatives (v) or (vi) of this subsection only if the board, public agency or  
2456 child welfare agency has thoroughly investigated the feasibility of the alternatives listed in (i) through  
2457 (iv) of this subsection and determined that none of those alternatives is in the best interest of the child.  
2458 A foster care plan shall be included and shall address the board's, public agency's or agency's

2459 investigation of alternatives (i) through (iv) and why they are not in the best interest of the child. Any  
 2460 petition filed pursuant to this subsection shall comply with subdivisions 1 through 7 of subsection B and  
 2461 the procedures set out in subsection C and the continuing jurisdiction provisions of subsection E shall  
 2462 apply.

2463 § 16.1-300. Confidentiality of Department records.

2464 A. The social, medical, psychiatric and psychological reports and records of children who are or have  
 2465 been (i) before the court, (ii) under supervision, or (iii) receiving services from a court service unit or  
 2466 who are committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be confidential and shall be open for  
 2467 inspection only to the following:

2468 1. The judge, prosecuting attorney, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve a court  
 2469 having the child currently before it in any proceeding;

2470 2. Any public agency, child welfare agency, private organization, facility or person who is treating  
 2471 the child pursuant to a contract with the Department;

2472 3. The child's ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and  
 2473 the child's attorney;

2474 4. Any person who previously has been a ward of the Department and who has reached the age of  
 2475 majority and requests access to his own records or reports;

2476 5. Any state agency providing funds to the Department of Juvenile Justice and required by the  
 2477 federal government to monitor or audit the effectiveness of programs for the benefit of juveniles which  
 2478 are financed in whole or in part by federal funds;

2479 6. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the  
 2480 case or in the work of the court;

2481 7. Any person, agency, organization or institution outside the Department which, at the Department's  
 2482 request, is conducting research or evaluation on the work of the Department or any of its divisions.

2483 A designated individual treating or responsible for the treatment of a person who was previously a  
 2484 ward of the Department may inspect such reports and records as are kept by the Department on such  
 2485 person or receive copies thereof, when the person who is the subject of the reports and records or his  
 2486 parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis if the person is under the age  
 2487 of eighteen, provides written authorization to the Department prior to the release of such reports and  
 2488 records for inspection or copying to the designated individual.

2489 B. The Department may withhold from inspection by a child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or  
 2490 other person standing in loco parentis that portion of the records referred to in A hereof, when the staff  
 2491 of the Department determines, in its discretion, that disclosure of such information would be detrimental  
 2492 to the child, provided that the juvenile and domestic relations district court having jurisdiction over the  
 2493 facility where the child is currently placed shall concur in such determination.

2494 If a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis requests to inspect the  
 2495 reports and records concerning his child and if the Department withholds from inspection any portion of  
 2496 such record or report pursuant to the preceding provisions, the Department shall (i) inform the individual  
 2497 making the request of the action taken to withhold any information and the reasons for such action; (ii)  
 2498 provide such individual with as much information about the child's progress as is deemed appropriate  
 2499 under the circumstances; and (iii) notify the individual in writing at the time of the request of his right  
 2500 to request judicial review of the Department's decision. The circuit court having jurisdiction over the  
 2501 facility where the child is currently placed shall have jurisdiction over petitions filed by a parent,  
 2502 guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis for review of the Department's  
 2503 decision to withhold reports or records as provided herein.

2504 § 16.1-300. (Delayed effective date) Confidentiality of Department records.

2505 A. The social, medical, psychiatric and psychological reports and records of children who are or have  
 2506 been (i) before the court, (ii) under supervision, or (iii) receiving services from a court service unit or  
 2507 who are committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be confidential and shall be open for  
 2508 inspection only to the following:

2509 1. The judge, prosecuting attorney, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve a court  
 2510 having the child currently before it in any proceeding;

2511 2. Any public agency, child welfare agency, private organization, facility or person who is treating  
 2512 the child pursuant to a contract with the Department;

2513 3. The child's ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis and  
 2514 the child's attorney;

2515 4. Any person who previously has been a ward of the Department and who has reached the age of  
 2516 majority and requests access to his own records or reports;

2517 5. Any state agency providing funds to the Department of Juvenile Justice and required by the  
 2518 federal government to monitor or audit the effectiveness of programs for the benefit of juveniles which  
 2519 are financed in whole or in part by federal funds;

2520 6. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the  
2521 case or in the work of the court;

2522 7. Any person, agency, organization or institution outside the Department which, at the Department's  
2523 request, is conducting research or evaluation on the work of the Department or any of its divisions.

2524 A designated individual treating or responsible for the treatment of a person who was previously a  
2525 ward of the Department may inspect such reports and records as are kept by the Department on such  
2526 person or receive copies thereof, when the person who is the subject of the reports and records or his  
2527 parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis if the person is under the age  
2528 of eighteen, provides written authorization to the Department prior to the release of such reports and  
2529 records for inspection or copying to the designated individual.

2530 B. The Department may withhold from inspection by a child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or  
2531 other person standing in loco parentis that portion of the records referred to in subsection A, when the  
2532 staff of the Department determines, in its discretion, that disclosure of such information would be  
2533 detrimental to the child.

2534 If a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis requests to inspect the  
2535 reports and records concerning his child and if the Department withholds from inspection any portion of  
2536 such record or report pursuant to the preceding provisions, the Department shall (i) inform the individual  
2537 making the request of the action taken to withhold any information and the reasons for such action; (ii)  
2538 provide such individual with as much information about the child's progress as is deemed appropriate  
2539 under the circumstances; and (iii) notify the individual in writing at the time of the request of his right  
2540 to request judicial review of the Department's decision. The family court having jurisdiction over the  
2541 facility where the child is currently placed shall have jurisdiction over petitions filed by a parent,  
2542 guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis for review of the Department's  
2543 decision to withhold reports or records as provided herein.

2544 § 16.1-301. Confidentiality of law-enforcement records.

2545 A. The court shall require all law-enforcement agencies to take special precautions to ensure that  
2546 law-enforcement records concerning a juvenile are protected against disclosure to any unauthorized  
2547 person. The police departments of the cities of the Commonwealth, and the police departments or  
2548 sheriffs of the counties, as the case may be, shall keep separate records as to violations of law other  
2549 than violations of motor vehicle laws committed by juveniles. Unless a charge of delinquency is  
2550 transferred for criminal prosecution in the circuit court or the court otherwise orders disclosure in the  
2551 interests of the juvenile or of national security, such records with respect to such juvenile shall not be  
2552 open to public inspection nor their contents disclosed to the public.

2553 B. Inspection of such records shall be permitted only by the following:

2554 1. A court having the juvenile currently before it in any proceeding;

2555 2. The officers of public and nongovernmental institutions or agencies to which the juvenile is  
2556 currently committed, and those responsible for his supervision after release;

2557 3. Any other person, agency, or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the  
2558 case or in the work of the law-enforcement agency;

2559 4. Law-enforcement officers of other jurisdictions, by order of the court, when necessary for the  
2560 discharge of their current official duties;

2561 5. The probation and other professional staff of a court in which the juvenile is subsequently  
2562 convicted of a criminal offense for the purpose of a presentence report or other dispositional  
2563 proceedings, or by officials of penal institutions and other penal facilities to which he is committed, or  
2564 by a parole board in considering his parole or discharge or in exercising supervision over him;

2565 6. The juvenile, ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian ~~or other~~, *legal custodian or other person standing in loco*  
2566 *parentis* and counsel for the juvenile by order of the court; and

2567 7. As provided in §§ 19.2-389.1 and 19.2-390.

2568 C. The police departments of the cities and towns and the police departments or sheriffs of the  
2569 counties may release, upon request to one another and to state and federal law-enforcement agencies,  
2570 current information on juvenile arrests. The information exchanged shall be used by the receiving  
2571 agency for current investigation purposes only and shall not result in the creation of new files or records  
2572 on individual juveniles on the part of the receiving agency.

2573 D. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the exchange of other criminal investigative or intelligence  
2574 information among law-enforcement agencies.

2575 § 16.1-302. Dockets, indices and order books; when hearings and records private; right to public  
2576 hearing; presence of juvenile in court.

2577 A. Every juvenile court shall keep a separate docket of cases arising under this law.

2578 B. Every circuit court shall keep a separate docket, index, and, for entry of its orders, a separate  
2579 order book or file for cases on appeal from the juvenile court except: (i) cases involving support  
2580 pursuant to § 20-61 or subdivisions A 3, F or L of § 16.1-241; (ii) cases involving criminal offenses  
2581 committed by adults which are commenced on a warrant or a summons as described in Title 19.2; and

2582 (iii) cases involving civil commitments of adults pursuant to Title 37.1. Such cases shall be docketed on  
 2583 the appropriate docket and the orders in such cases shall be entered in the appropriate order book as  
 2584 used with similar cases commenced in circuit court.

2585 C. The general public shall be excluded from all juvenile court hearings and only such persons  
 2586 admitted as the judge shall deem proper. However, proceedings in cases involving an adult charged with  
 2587 a crime and hearings held on a petition or warrant alleging that a juvenile fourteen years of age or older  
 2588 committed an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult shall be open. Subject to the  
 2589 provisions of subsection D for good cause shown, the court may, sua sponte or on motion of the  
 2590 accused or the attorney for the Commonwealth close the proceedings. If the proceedings are closed, the  
 2591 court shall state in writing its reasons and the statement shall be made a part of the public record.

2592 D. In any hearing held for the purpose of adjudicating an alleged violation of any criminal law, or  
 2593 law defining a traffic infraction, the juvenile or adult so charged shall have a right to be present and  
 2594 shall have the right to a public hearing unless expressly waived by such person. The chief judge may  
 2595 provide by rule that any juvenile licensed to operate a motor vehicle who has been charged with a  
 2596 traffic infraction may waive court appearance and admit to the infraction or infractions charged if he or  
 2597 she and a parent, ~~legal~~ guardian, *legal custodian* or person standing in loco parentis to the juvenile  
 2598 appear in person at the court or before a magistrate or sign and either mail or deliver to the court or  
 2599 magistrate a written form of appearance, plea and waiver, provided that the written form contains the  
 2600 notarized signature of the parent, ~~legal~~ guardian, *legal custodian* or person standing in loco parentis to  
 2601 the juvenile. An emancipated juvenile charged with a traffic infraction shall have the opportunity to  
 2602 waive court appearance and admit to the infraction or infractions if he or she appears in person at the  
 2603 court or before a magistrate or signs and either mails or delivers to the court or magistrate a written  
 2604 form of appearance, plea, and waiver, provided that the written plea form containing the signature of the  
 2605 emancipated juvenile is accompanied by a notarized sworn statement which details the facts supporting  
 2606 the claim of emancipated status. Whenever the sole purpose of a proceeding is to determine the custody  
 2607 of a child of tender years, the presence of such juvenile in court may be waived by the judge at any  
 2608 stage thereof.

2609 § 16.1-302. (Delayed effective date) Dockets, indices and order books; hearings and records private;  
 2610 right to public hearing; presence of juvenile in court.

2611 A. Every family court shall keep a separate docket of cases arising under this law.

2612 B. Every circuit court shall keep a separate docket, index, and, for entry of its orders, a separate  
 2613 order book or file for cases on appeal from the family court except: (i) cases involving support pursuant  
 2614 to § 20-61; (ii) cases involving criminal offenses committed by adults which are commenced on a  
 2615 warrant or a summons as described in Title 19.2; and (iii) cases involving civil commitments of adults  
 2616 pursuant to Title 37.1. Such cases shall be docketed on the appropriate docket and the orders in such  
 2617 cases shall be entered in the appropriate order book as used with similar cases commenced in circuit  
 2618 court.

2619 C. The general public shall be excluded from all family court hearings and only such persons  
 2620 admitted as the judge shall deem proper, except that (i) this provision shall not apply to cases for  
 2621 divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance, equitable distribution based on a  
 2622 foreign decree, change of name, amendment of a birth certificate, or judicial review of school board  
 2623 actions or of hearing officer decisions; and (ii) in any hearing held for the purpose of adjudicating the  
 2624 alleged violation of any criminal law or law defining a traffic infraction, the child or adult so charged  
 2625 shall have a right to be present and shall have the right to a public hearing unless expressly waived by  
 2626 such person.

2627 D. All family court hearings (i) in cases involving an adult charged with a crime or (ii) held on a  
 2628 petition or warrant alleging that a juvenile fourteen years of age or older committed an offense which  
 2629 would be a felony if committed by an adult shall be open. Subject to the provisions of clause (ii) of  
 2630 subsection C, for good cause shown, the court may, sua sponte or on motion of the juvenile or the  
 2631 attorney for the Commonwealth, close the proceedings. If the proceedings are closed, the court shall  
 2632 state in writing its reasons and the statement shall be made a part of the public record.

2633 E. In all other cases, the public shall be excluded and only such persons admitted as the court deems  
 2634 proper.

2635 The chief judge may provide by rule that any juvenile licensed to operate a motor vehicle who has  
 2636 been charged with a traffic infraction may waive court appearance and admit to the infraction or  
 2637 infractions charged if he or she and a parent, ~~legal~~ guardian, *legal custodian* or person standing in loco  
 2638 parentis to the juvenile appear in person at the court or before a magistrate or sign and either mail or  
 2639 deliver to the court or magistrate a written form of appearance, plea and waiver, provided that the  
 2640 written form contains the notarized signature of the parent, ~~legal~~ guardian, *legal custodian* or person  
 2641 standing in loco parentis to the juvenile. An emancipated juvenile charged with a traffic infraction shall  
 2642 have the opportunity to waive court appearance and admit to the infraction or infractions if he or she

2643 appears in person at the court or before a magistrate or signs and either mails or delivers to the court or  
2644 magistrate a written form of appearance, plea, and waiver, provided that the written plea form containing  
2645 the signature of the emancipated juvenile is accompanied by a notarized sworn statement which details  
2646 the facts supporting the claim of emancipated status. Whenever the sole purpose of a proceeding is to  
2647 determine the custody of a child of tender years, the presence of such juvenile in court may be waived  
2648 by the judge at any stage thereof.

2649 § 16.1-302.1. Right of victim or representative to attend certain proceedings; notice of hearings.

2650 During proceedings involving petitions or warrants alleging that a juvenile is delinquent, including  
2651 proceedings on appeal, a victim may remain in the courtroom. In any such case involving a minor  
2652 victim, the court may permit an adult chosen by the minor victim to be present in the courtroom during  
2653 the proceedings in addition to or in lieu of the minor's parent or, guardian, *legal custodian or other*  
2654 *person standing in loco parentis*.

2655 However, if either the attorney for the Commonwealth or any defendant represents to the court that  
2656 he intends to call as a material witness a victim or any adult chosen by a minor victim, the court, on  
2657 motion, shall exclude that person from the proceedings.

2658 The attorney for the Commonwealth shall give prior notice of any such proceedings and changes in  
2659 the scheduling thereof to any known victim and to any known adult chosen in accordance with this  
2660 section by a minor victim at the address or telephone number, or both, provided in writing by such  
2661 persons.

2662 § 16.1-305. Confidentiality of court records.

2663 A. Social, medical and psychiatric or psychological records, including reports or preliminary  
2664 inquiries, predisposition studies and supervision records, of neglected and abused children, children in  
2665 need of services, children in need of supervision and delinquent children shall be filed with the other  
2666 papers in the juvenile's case file. All juvenile case files shall be filed separately from adult files and  
2667 records of the court and shall be open for inspection only to the following:

2668 1. The judge, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve the juvenile and domestic  
2669 relations district courts;

2670 2. Representatives of a public or private agency or department providing supervision or having legal  
2671 custody of the child or furnishing evaluation or treatment of the child ordered or requested by the court;

2672 3. The attorney for any party, including the attorney for the Commonwealth;

2673 4. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the  
2674 case or in the work of the court; however, for the purposes of preparation of a presentence report upon  
2675 a finding of guilty in a circuit court or for the preparation of a background report for the Parole Board,  
2676 adult probation and parole officers, including United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officers,  
2677 shall have access to an accused's or inmate's records in juvenile court and for the purpose of preparing  
2678 the discretionary sentencing guidelines worksheets as directed by the court pursuant to subsection C of  
2679 § 19.2-298.01, the attorney for the Commonwealth and the probation officer shall have access to the  
2680 defendant's records in juvenile court.

2681 B. All or any part of the records enumerated in subsection A, or information secured from such  
2682 records, which is presented to the judge in court or otherwise in a proceeding under this law shall also  
2683 be made available to the parties to the proceedings and their attorneys.

2684 B1. If a juvenile fourteen years of age or older at the time of the offense is adjudicated delinquent  
2685 on the basis of an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult, all court records regarding that  
2686 adjudication and any subsequent adjudication of delinquency, other than those records specified in  
2687 subsection A, shall be open to the public. However, if a hearing was closed, the judge may order that  
2688 certain records or portions thereof remain confidential to the extent necessary to protect any juvenile  
2689 victim or juvenile witness.

2690 C. All other juvenile records, including the docket, petitions, motions and other papers filed with a  
2691 case, transcripts of testimony, findings, verdicts, orders and decrees shall be open to inspection only by  
2692 those persons and agencies designated in subsections A and B of this section.

2693 D. Attested copies of papers filed in connection with an adjudication of guilty for an offense for  
2694 which the clerk is required by § 46.2-383 to furnish an abstract to the Department of Motor Vehicles,  
2695 which shows the charge, finding, disposition, name of the attorney for the juvenile, or waiver of attorney  
2696 shall be furnished to an attorney for the Commonwealth upon certification by the prosecuting attorney  
2697 that such papers are needed as evidence in a pending criminal, traffic, or habitual offender proceeding  
2698 and that such papers will be only used for such evidentiary purpose.

2699 E. Upon request, a copy of the court order of disposition in a delinquency case shall be provided to  
2700 the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission solely for purposes of determining whether to make an  
2701 award to the victim of a crime, and such information shall not be disseminated or used by the  
2702 Commission for any other purpose including but not limited to actions pursuant to § 19.2-368.15.

2703 F. Staff of the court services unit or the attorney for the Commonwealth shall provide notice of the  
2704 disposition in a case involving a juvenile who is committed to state care after being adjudicated for a

2705 criminal sexual assault as specified in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 to the  
 2706 victim or a ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* of a  
 2707 minor victim, upon request. Additionally, if the victim or ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian or*  
 2708 *other person standing in loco parentis* submits a written request, the Department of Juvenile Justice  
 2709 shall provide advance notice of such juvenile offender's anticipated date of release from commitment.

2710 § 16.1-305. (Delayed effective date) Confidentiality of court records.

2711 A. Social, medical and psychiatric or psychological records, including reports or preliminary  
 2712 inquiries, predisposition studies and supervision records, of neglected and abused children, children in  
 2713 need of services, children in need of supervision and delinquent children shall be filed with the other  
 2714 papers in the juvenile's case file. All juvenile case files shall be filed separately from adult files and  
 2715 records of the court and shall be open for inspection only to the following:

2716 1. The judge, probation officers and professional staff assigned to serve the family courts;

2717 2. Representatives of a public or private agency or department providing supervision or having legal  
 2718 custody of the child or furnishing evaluation or treatment of the child ordered or requested by the court;

2719 3. The attorney for any party, including the attorney for the Commonwealth;

2720 4. Any other person, agency or institution, by order of the court, having a legitimate interest in the  
 2721 case or in the work of the court; however, for the purposes of preparation of a presentence report upon  
 2722 a finding of guilty in a circuit court or for the preparation of a background report for the Parole Board,  
 2723 adult probation and parole officers, including United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officers,  
 2724 shall have access to an accused's or inmate's records in family court and for the purpose of preparing the  
 2725 discretionary sentencing guidelines worksheets as directed by the court pursuant to subsection C of  
 2726 § 19.2-298.01, the attorney for the Commonwealth and the probation officer shall have access to the  
 2727 defendant's records in juvenile court.

2728 B. All or any part of the records enumerated in subsection A, or information secured from such  
 2729 records, which is presented to the judge in court or otherwise in a proceeding under this law shall also  
 2730 be made available to the parties to the proceedings and their attorneys.

2731 B1. If a juvenile fourteen years of age or older at the time of the offense is adjudicated delinquent  
 2732 on the basis of an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult, all court records regarding that  
 2733 adjudication and any subsequent adjudication of delinquency, other than those records specified in  
 2734 subsection A, shall be open to the public. However, if a hearing was closed, the judge may order that  
 2735 certain records or portions thereof remain confidential to the extent necessary to protect any juvenile  
 2736 victim or juvenile witness.

2737 C. All other juvenile records, including the docket, petitions, motions and other papers filed with a  
 2738 case, transcripts of testimony, findings, verdicts, orders and decrees shall be open to inspection only by  
 2739 those persons and agencies designated in subsections A and B of this section.

2740 D. Attested copies of papers filed in connection with an adjudication of guilty for an offense for  
 2741 which the clerk is required by § 46.2-383 to furnish an abstract to the Department of Motor Vehicles,  
 2742 which shows the charge, finding, disposition, name of the attorney for the juvenile, or waiver of attorney  
 2743 shall be furnished to an attorney for the Commonwealth upon certification by the prosecuting attorney  
 2744 that such papers are needed as evidence in a pending criminal, traffic, or habitual offender proceeding  
 2745 and that such papers will be only used for such evidentiary purpose.

2746 E. Upon request, a copy of the court order of disposition in a delinquency case shall be provided to  
 2747 the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission solely for purposes of determining whether to make an  
 2748 award to the victim of a crime, and such information shall not be disseminated or used by the  
 2749 Commission for any other purpose including but not limited to actions pursuant to § 19.2-368.15.

2750 F. Section 20-124 shall govern the confidentiality of court records in cases involving divorce,  
 2751 annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate maintenance and equitable distribution based on a foreign  
 2752 decree. Sections 63.1-235 and 63.1-236 shall govern the confidentiality of adoption cases.

2753 G. Staff of the court services unit or the attorney for the Commonwealth shall provide notice of the  
 2754 disposition in a case involving a juvenile who is committed to state care after being adjudicated for a  
 2755 criminal sexual assault as specified in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2 to the  
 2756 victim or a ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* of a  
 2757 minor victim, upon request. Additionally, if the victim or ~~parent~~ *parents, guardian, legal custodian or*  
 2758 *other person standing in loco parentis* submits a written request, the Department of Juvenile Justice  
 2759 shall provide advance notice of such juvenile offender's anticipated date of release from commitment.

2760 § 16.1-323. Governor to execute; form of compact.

2761 The Governor of Virginia is hereby authorized and requested to execute, on behalf of the  
 2762 Commonwealth of Virginia, with any other state or states legally joining therein, a compact which shall  
 2763 be in form substantially as follows:

2764 The contracting states solemnly agree:

2765 Article I - Findings and Purposes

2766 That juveniles who are not under proper supervision and control, or who have absconded, escaped or  
 2767 run away, are likely to endanger their own health, morals and welfare, and the health, morals and  
 2768 welfare of others. The cooperation of the states party to this compact is therefore necessary to provide  
 2769 for the welfare and protection of juveniles and of the public with respect to (1) cooperative supervision  
 2770 of delinquent juveniles on probation or parole; (2) the return, from one state to another, of delinquent  
 2771 juveniles who have escaped or absconded; (3) the return, from one state to another, of nondelinquent  
 2772 juveniles who have run away from home; and (4) additional measures for the protection of juveniles and  
 2773 of the public, which any two or more of the party states may find desirable to undertake cooperatively.  
 2774 In carrying out the provisions of this compact the party states shall be guided by the noncriminal,  
 2775 reformative and protective policies which guide their laws concerning delinquent, neglected or dependent  
 2776 juveniles generally. It shall be the policy of the states party to this compact to cooperate and observe  
 2777 their respective responsibilities for the prompt return and acceptance of juveniles and delinquent  
 2778 juveniles who become subject to the provisions of this compact. The provisions of this compact shall be  
 2779 reasonably and liberally construed to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

#### 2780 Article II - Existing Rights and Remedies

2781 That all remedies and procedures provided by this compact be in addition to and not in substitution  
 2782 for other rights, remedies and procedures, and shall not be in derogation of parental rights and  
 2783 responsibilities.

#### 2784 Article III - Definitions

2785 That, for the purposes of this compact, "delinquent juvenile" means any juvenile who has been  
 2786 adjudged delinquent and who, at the time the provisions of this compact are invoked, is still subject to  
 2787 the jurisdiction of the court that has made such adjudication or to the jurisdiction or supervision of an  
 2788 agency or institution pursuant to an order of such court; "probation or parole" means any kind of  
 2789 conditional release of juveniles authorized under the laws of the states party hereto; "court" means any  
 2790 court having jurisdiction over delinquent, neglected or dependent children; "state" means any state,  
 2791 territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto  
 2792 Rico; and "residence" or any variant thereof means a place at which a home or regular place of abode is  
 2793 maintained.

#### 2794 Article IV - Return of Runaways

2795 (a) That the ~~parent~~ parents, guardian, ~~person~~ legal custodian or agency entitled to legal custody of a  
 2796 juvenile who has not been adjudged delinquent but who has run away without the consent of such  
 2797 ~~parent~~ parents, guardian, ~~person~~ legal custodian or agency may petition the appropriate court in the  
 2798 demanding state for the issuance of a requisition for his return. The petition shall state the name and age  
 2799 of the juvenile, the name of the petitioner and the basis of entitlement to the juvenile's custody, the  
 2800 circumstances of his running away, his location if known at the time application is made, and such other  
 2801 facts as may tend to show that the juvenile who has run away is endangering his own welfare or the  
 2802 welfare of others and is not an emancipated minor. The petition shall be verified by affidavit, shall be  
 2803 executed in duplicate, and shall be accompanied by two certified copies of the document or documents  
 2804 on which the petitioner's entitlement to the juvenile's custody is based, such as birth certificates, letters  
 2805 of guardianship, or custody decrees. Such further affidavits and other documents as may be deemed  
 2806 proper may be submitted with such petition. The judge of the court to which this application is made  
 2807 may hold a hearing thereon to determine whether for the purposes of this compact the petitioner is  
 2808 entitled to the legal custody of the juvenile, whether or not it appears that the juvenile has in fact run  
 2809 away without consent, whether or not he is an emancipated minor, and whether or not it is in the best  
 2810 interest of the juvenile to compel his return to the state. If the judge determines, either with or without a  
 2811 hearing, that the juvenile should be returned, he shall present to the appropriate court or to the executive  
 2812 authority of the state where the juvenile is alleged to be located a written requisition for the return of  
 2813 such juvenile. Such requisition shall set forth the name and age of the juvenile, the determination of the  
 2814 court that the juvenile has run away without the consent of a parent, guardian, ~~person~~ legal custodian or  
 2815 agency entitled to his legal custody, and that it is in the best interest and for the protection of such  
 2816 juvenile that he be returned. In the event that a proceeding for the adjudication of the juvenile as a  
 2817 delinquent, neglected or dependent juvenile is pending in the court at the time when such juvenile runs  
 2818 away, the court may issue a requisition for the return of such juvenile upon its own motion, regardless  
 2819 of the consent of the parents, guardian, ~~person~~ legal custodian or agency entitled to legal custody,  
 2820 reciting therein the nature and circumstances of the pending proceeding. The requisition shall in every  
 2821 case be executed in duplicate and shall be signed by the judge. One copy of the requisition shall be  
 2822 filed with the compact administrator of the demanding state, there to remain on file subject to the  
 2823 provisions of law governing records of such court. Upon the receipt of a requisition demanding the  
 2824 return of a juvenile who has run away, the court or the executive authority to whom the requisition is  
 2825 addressed shall issue an order to any peace officer or other appropriate person directing him to take into  
 2826 custody and detain such juvenile. Such detention order must substantially recite the facts necessary to  
 2827 the validity of its issuance hereunder. No juvenile detained upon such order shall be delivered over to

2828 the officer whom the court demanding him shall have appointed to receive him, unless he shall first be  
2829 taken forthwith before a judge of a court in the state, who shall inform him of the demand made for his  
2830 return, and who may appoint counsel or guardian ad litem for him. If the judge of such court shall find  
2831 that the requisition is in order, he shall deliver such juvenile over to the officer whom the court  
2832 demanding him shall have appointed to receive him. The judge, however, may fix a reasonable time to  
2833 be allowed for the purposes of testing the legality of the proceeding.

2834 Upon reasonable information that a person is a juvenile who has run away from another state party  
2835 to this compact without the consent of a parent, guardian, ~~person~~ *legal custodian* or agency entitled to  
2836 his legal custody, such juvenile may be taken into custody without a requisition and brought forthwith  
2837 before a judge of the appropriate court who may appoint counsel or guardian ad litem for such juvenile  
2838 and who shall determine after a hearing whether sufficient cause exists to hold the person, subject to the  
2839 order of the court, for his own protection and welfare, for such a time not exceeding 90 days as will  
2840 enable his return to another state party to this compact pursuant to a requisition for his return from a  
2841 court of that state. If, at the time when a state seeks the return of a juvenile who has run away, there is  
2842 pending in the state wherein he is found any criminal charge, or any proceeding to have him adjudicated  
2843 a delinquent juvenile for an act committed in such state, or if he is suspected of having committed  
2844 within such state a criminal offense or an act of juvenile delinquency, he shall not be returned without  
2845 the consent of such state until discharged from prosecution or other form of proceeding, imprisonment,  
2846 detention or supervision for such offense or juvenile delinquency. The duly accredited officers of any  
2847 state party to this compact, upon the establishment of their authority and the identity of the juvenile  
2848 being returned, shall be permitted to transport such juvenile through any and all the states party to this  
2849 compact, without interference. Upon his return to the state from which he ran away, the juvenile shall  
2850 be subject to such further proceedings as may be appropriate under the laws of that state.

2851 (b) That the state to which a juvenile is returned under this Article shall be responsible for payment  
2852 of the transportation costs of such return.

2853 (c) That "juvenile" as used in this Article means any person who is a minor under the law of the  
2854 state of residence of the parent, guardian, ~~person~~ *legal custodian* or agency entitled to the legal custody  
2855 of such minor.

2856 Article V - Return of Escapees and Absconders

2857 (a) That the appropriate person or authority from whose probation or parole supervision a delinquent  
2858 juvenile has absconded or from whose institutional custody he has escaped shall present to the  
2859 appropriate court or to the executive authority of the state where the delinquent juvenile is alleged to be  
2860 located a written requisition for the return of such delinquent juvenile. Such requisition shall state the  
2861 name and age of the delinquent juvenile, the particulars of his adjudication as a delinquent juvenile, the  
2862 circumstances of the breach of the terms of his probation or parole or of his escape from an institution  
2863 or agency vested with his legal custody or supervision, and the location of such delinquent juvenile, if  
2864 known, at the time the requisition is made. The requisition shall be verified by affidavit, shall be  
2865 executed in duplicate, and shall be accompanied by two certified copies of the judgment, formal  
2866 adjudication, or order of commitment which subjects such delinquent juvenile to probation or parole or  
2867 to the legal custody of the institution or agency concerned. Such further affidavits and other documents  
2868 as may be deemed proper may be submitted with such requisition. One copy of the requisition shall be  
2869 filed with the compact administrator of the demanding state, there to remain on file subject to the  
2870 provisions of law governing records of the appropriate court. Upon the receipt of a requisition  
2871 demanding the return of a delinquent juvenile who has absconded or escaped, the court or the executive  
2872 authority to whom the requisition is addressed shall issue an order to any peace officer or other  
2873 appropriate person directing him to take into custody and detain such delinquent juvenile. Such detention  
2874 order must substantially recite the facts necessary to the validity of its issuance hereunder. No delinquent  
2875 juvenile detained upon such order shall be delivered over to the officer whom the appropriate person or  
2876 authority demanding him shall have appointed to receive him, unless he shall first be taken forthwith  
2877 before a judge of an appropriate court in the state, who shall inform him of the demand made for his  
2878 return and who may appoint counsel or guardian ad litem for him. If the judge of such court shall find  
2879 that the requisition is in order, he shall deliver such delinquent juvenile over to the officer whom the  
2880 appropriate person or authority demanding him shall have appointed to receive him. The judge, however,  
2881 may fix a reasonable time to be allowed for the purpose of testing the legality of the proceeding.

2882 Upon reasonable information that a person is a delinquent juvenile who has absconded while on  
2883 probation or parole, or escaped from an institution or agency vested with his legal custody or  
2884 supervision in any state party to this compact, such person may be taken into custody in any other state  
2885 party to this compact without a requisition. But in such event, he must be taken forthwith before a judge  
2886 of the appropriate court, who may appoint counsel or guardian ad litem for such person and who shall  
2887 determine, after a hearing, whether sufficient cause exists to hold the person subject to the order of the  
2888 court for such a time, not exceeding 90 days, as will enable his detention under a detention order issued

2889 on a requisition pursuant to this Article. If, at the time when a state seeks the return of a delinquent  
2890 juvenile who has either absconded while on probation or parole or escaped from an institution or agency  
2891 vested with his legal custody or supervision, there is pending in the state wherein he is detained any  
2892 criminal charge or any proceeding to have him adjudicated a delinquent juvenile for an act committed in  
2893 such state, or if he is suspected of having committed within such state a criminal offense or an act of  
2894 juvenile delinquency, he shall not be returned without the consent of such state until discharged from  
2895 prosecution or other form of proceeding, imprisonment, detention or supervision for such offense or  
2896 juvenile delinquency. The duly accredited officers of any state party to this compact, upon the  
2897 establishment of their authority and the identity of the delinquent juvenile being returned, shall be  
2898 permitted to transport such delinquent juvenile through any and all states party to this compact, without  
2899 interference. Upon his return to the state from which he escaped or absconded, the delinquent juvenile  
2900 shall be subject to such further proceedings as may be appropriate under the laws of that state.

2901 (b) That the state to which a delinquent juvenile is returned under this Article shall be responsible  
2902 for payment of the transportation costs of such return. Article VI - Voluntary Return Procedure

2903 That any delinquent juvenile who has absconded while on probation or parole, or escaped from an  
2904 institution or agency vested with his legal custody or supervision in any state party to this compact, and  
2905 any juvenile who has run away from any state party to this compact, who is taken into custody without  
2906 a requisition in another state party to this compact under the provisions of Article IV (a) or of Article V  
2907 (a), may consent to his immediate return to the state from which he absconded, escaped or ran away.  
2908 Such consent shall be given by the juvenile or delinquent juvenile and his counsel or guardian ad litem  
2909 if any, by executing or subscribing a writing, in the presence of a judge of the appropriate court, which  
2910 states that the juvenile or delinquent juvenile and his counsel or guardian ad litem, if any, consent to his  
2911 return to the demanding state. Before such consent shall be executed or subscribed, however, the judge,  
2912 in the presence of counsel or guardian ad litem, if any, shall inform the juvenile or delinquent juvenile  
2913 of his rights under this compact. When the consent has been duly executed, it shall be forwarded to and  
2914 filed with the compact administrator of the state in which the court is located and the judge shall direct  
2915 the officer having the juvenile or delinquent juvenile in custody to deliver him to the duly accredited  
2916 officer or officers of the state demanding his return, and shall cause to be delivered to such officer or  
2917 officers a copy of the consent. The court may, however, upon the request of the state to which the  
2918 juvenile or delinquent juvenile is being returned order him to return unaccompanied to such state and  
2919 shall provide him with a copy of such court order; in such event a copy of the consent shall be  
2920 forwarded to the compact administrator of the state to which said juvenile or delinquent juvenile is  
2921 ordered to return.

2922 Article VII - Cooperative Supervision of Probationers and Parolees

2923 (a) That the duly constituted judicial and administrative authorities of a state party to this compact  
2924 (herein called "sending state") may permit any delinquent juvenile within such state, placed on probation  
2925 or parole, to reside in any other state party to this compact (herein called "receiving state") while on  
2926 probation or parole, and the receiving state shall accept such delinquent juvenile, if the ~~parent~~ *parents*,  
2927 guardian or ~~person entitled to the legal custody~~ *legal custodian* of such delinquent juvenile is residing  
2928 or undertakes to reside within the receiving state. Before granting such permission, opportunity shall be  
2929 given to the receiving state to make such investigations as it deems necessary. The authorities of the  
2930 sending state shall send to the authorities of the receiving state copies of pertinent court orders, social  
2931 case studies and all other available information which may be of value to and assist the receiving state  
2932 in supervising a probationer or parolee under this compact. A receiving state, in its discretion, may agree  
2933 to accept supervision of a probationer or parolee in cases where the ~~parent~~ *parents*, guardian or ~~person~~  
2934 ~~entitled to the legal custody~~ *legal custodian* of the delinquent juvenile is not a resident of the receiving  
2935 state, and if so accepted the sending state may transfer supervision accordingly.

2936 (b) That each receiving state will assume the duties of visitation and of supervision over any such  
2937 delinquent juvenile and in the exercise of those duties will be governed by the same standards of  
2938 visitation and supervision that prevail for its own delinquent juveniles released on probation or parole.

2939 (c) That, after consultation between the appropriate authorities of the sending state and of the  
2940 receiving state as to the desirability and necessity of returning such a delinquent juvenile, the duly  
2941 accredited officers of a sending state may enter a receiving state and there apprehend and retake any  
2942 such delinquent juvenile on probation or parole. For that purpose, no formalities will be required, other  
2943 than establishing the authority of the officer and the identity of the delinquent juvenile to be retaken and  
2944 returned. The decision of the sending state to retake a delinquent juvenile on probation or parole shall  
2945 be conclusive upon and not reviewable within the receiving state, but if, at the time the sending state  
2946 seeks to retake a delinquent juvenile on probation or parole, there is pending against him within the  
2947 receiving state any criminal charge or any proceeding to have him adjudicated a delinquent juvenile for  
2948 any act committed in such state, or if he is suspected of having committed within such state a criminal  
2949 offense or an act of juvenile delinquency, he shall not be returned without the consent of the receiving  
2950 state until discharged from prosecution or other form of proceeding, imprisonment, detention or

2951 supervision for such offense or juvenile delinquency. The duly accredited officers of the sending state  
 2952 shall be permitted to transport delinquent juveniles being so returned through any and all states party to  
 2953 this compact, without interference.

2954 (d) That the sending state shall be responsible under this Article for paying the costs of transporting  
 2955 any delinquent juvenile to the receiving state or of returning any delinquent juvenile to the sending state.

2956 Article VIII - Responsibility for Costs

2957 (a) That the provisions of Articles IV (b), V (b) and VII (d) of this compact shall not be construed  
 2958 to alter or affect any internal relationship among the departments, agencies and officers of and in the  
 2959 government of a party state, or between a party state and its subdivisions, as to the payment of costs, or  
 2960 responsibilities therefor.

2961 (b) That nothing in this compact shall be construed to prevent any party state or subdivision thereof  
 2962 from asserting any right against any person, agency or other entity in regard to costs for which such  
 2963 party state or subdivision thereof may be responsible pursuant to Articles IV (b), V (b) or VII (d) of this  
 2964 compact. Article IX - Detention Practices

2965 That, to every extent possible, it shall be the policy of states party to this compact that no juvenile or  
 2966 delinquent juvenile shall be placed or detained in any prison, jail or lockup nor be detained or  
 2967 transported in association with criminal, vicious or dissolute persons.

2968 Article X - Supplementary Agreements

2969 That the duly constituted administrative authorities of a state party to this compact may enter into  
 2970 supplementary agreements with any other state or states party hereto for the cooperative care, treatment  
 2971 and rehabilitation of delinquent juveniles whenever they shall find that such agreements will improve the  
 2972 facilities or programs available for such care, treatment and rehabilitation. Such care, treatment and  
 2973 rehabilitation may be provided in an institution located within any state entering into such supplementary  
 2974 agreement. Such supplementary agreements shall (1) provide the rates to be paid for the care, treatment  
 2975 and custody of such delinquent juveniles, taking into consideration the character of facilities, services  
 2976 and subsistence furnished; (2) provide that the delinquent juvenile shall be given a court hearing prior to  
 2977 his being sent to another state for care, treatment and custody; (3) provide that the state receiving such a  
 2978 delinquent juvenile in one of its institutions shall act solely as agent for the state sending such  
 2979 delinquent juvenile; (4) provide that the sending state shall at all times retain jurisdiction over delinquent  
 2980 juveniles sent to an institution in another state; (5) provide for reasonable inspection of such institutions  
 2981 by the sending state; (6) provide that the consent of the parent, guardian, person or agency entitled to  
 2982 the legal custody of said delinquent juvenile shall be secured prior to his being sent to another state; and  
 2983 (7) make provision for such other matters and details as shall be necessary to protect the rights and  
 2984 equities of such delinquent juveniles and of the cooperating states.

2985 Article XI - Acceptance of Federal and Other Aid

2986 That any state party to this compact may accept any and all donations, gifts and grants of money,  
 2987 equipment and services from the federal or any local government, or any agency thereof and from any  
 2988 person, firm or corporation, for any of the purposes and functions of this compact, and may receive and  
 2989 utilize the same subject to the terms, conditions and regulations governing such donations, gifts and  
 2990 grants. Article XII - Compact Administrators

2991 That the governor of each state party to this compact shall designate an officer who, acting jointly  
 2992 with like officers of other party states, shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out more  
 2993 effectively the terms and provisions of this compact. Article XIII - Execution of Compact

2994 That this compact shall become operative immediately upon its execution by any state as between it  
 2995 and any other state or states so executing. When executed it shall have the full force and effect of law  
 2996 within such state, the form of execution to be in accordance with the laws of the executing state.

2997 Article XIV - Renunciation

2998 That this compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each executing state until  
 2999 renounced by it. Renunciation of this compact shall be by the same authority which executed it, by  
 3000 sending six months' notice in writing of its intention to withdraw from the compact to the other states  
 3001 party hereto. The duties and obligations of a renouncing state under Article VII hereof shall continue as  
 3002 to parolees and probationers residing therein at the time of withdrawal until retaken or finally  
 3003 discharged. Supplementary agreements entered into under Article X hereof shall be subject to  
 3004 renunciation as provided by such supplementary agreements, and shall not be subject to the six months'  
 3005 renunciation notice of the present article.

3006 Article XV - Severability

3007 That the provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or  
 3008 provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any participating state or of  
 3009 the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstances is held  
 3010 invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government,  
 3011 agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to

3012 the constitution of any state participating therein, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to  
 3013 the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

3014 § 63.1-204. Acceptance and control over children.

3015 A. A licensed child-welfare agency shall have the right to accept, for any purpose not contrary to the  
 3016 limitations contained in its license, such children as may be entrusted or committed to it by the parents,  
 3017 ~~guardians, relatives~~ guardian, legal custodian or other persons having legal custody thereof ~~person~~  
 3018 *standing in loco parentis*, or committed by any court of competent jurisdiction. The agency shall, within  
 3019 the terms of its license and the agreement or order by which such child is entrusted or committed to its  
 3020 care, have custody and control of every child so entrusted or committed and accepted, until he is  
 3021 lawfully discharged, has been adopted, or has attained his majority.

3022 An agency which is licensed as a child-placing agency by the Department of Social Services and  
 3023 certified as a proprietary school for students with disabilities by the Department of Education shall not  
 3024 be required to take custody of any child placed in its special education program but shall enter into a  
 3025 placement agreement with the parents ~~or~~, guardian, or legal custodian of the child concerning the  
 3026 respective responsibilities of the agency and the parents ~~or~~, guardian, or legal custodian for the care and  
 3027 control of the child. Such an agency shall conform with all other legal requirements of licensed  
 3028 child-placing agencies including the provisions of §§ 16.1-281 and 16.1-282.

3029 A licensed private child-placing agency may accept placement of a child through an agreement with  
 3030 a local department of social services where the local department of social services retains legal custody  
 3031 of the child or where ~~the parents or legal~~ a parent, guardian or legal custodian of the child retain legal  
 3032 custody but have entered into a placement agreement with the local department or the public agency  
 3033 designated by the community policy and management team.

3034 Whenever a licensed child-placing agency accepts legal custody of a child, the agency shall comply  
 3035 with §§ 16.1-281 and 16.1-282.

3036 A child-caring institution licensed as a temporary emergency shelter may accept a child for  
 3037 placement provided that verbal agreement for placement is obtained from the parents, guardians,  
 3038 relatives or other persons having legal custody thereof, within eight hours of the child's arrival at the  
 3039 facility and provided that a written placement agreement is completed and signed by the legal guardian  
 3040 and the facility representative within twenty-four hours of the child's arrival or by the end of the next  
 3041 business day after the child's arrival.

3042 B. Whenever a licensed child-welfare agency accepts custody of a child pursuant to a temporary  
 3043 entrustment agreement entered into under the authority of this section, except when the entrustment  
 3044 agreement between the parent or parents and the licensed child-welfare agency provides for the  
 3045 termination of all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child, such child-welfare agency,  
 3046 except a child-caring institution when the child is placed there by a parent or parents, shall petition the  
 3047 juvenile and domestic relations district court of the city or county for approval of such agreement within  
 3048 a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty days, after its execution; however, such petition shall not be  
 3049 required when the agreement stipulates in writing that the temporary entrustment shall be for less than  
 3050 ninety days and the child is returned to his home within that period.

3051 C. A child may be placed for adoption by a licensed child-placing agency or a local board of public  
 3052 welfare or social services, in accordance with the provisions of § 63.1-220.2.

3053 For the purposes of this section, a parent who is less than eighteen years of age shall be deemed  
 3054 fully competent and shall have legal capacity to execute a valid entrustment agreement, including an  
 3055 agreement which provides for the termination of all parental rights and responsibilities, and shall be as  
 3056 fully bound thereby as if such parent had attained the age of eighteen years. An entrustment agreement  
 3057 for the termination of all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child shall be valid  
 3058 notwithstanding that it is not signed by the father of a child born out of wedlock if the identity of the  
 3059 father is not reasonably ascertainable, or if such father is given notice of the entrustment by registered  
 3060 or certified mail to his last known address and such father fails to object to the entrustment within  
 3061 twenty-one days of the mailing of such notice. An affidavit of the mother that the identity of the father  
 3062 is not reasonably ascertainable shall be sufficient evidence of this fact, provided there is no other  
 3063 evidence which would refute such an affidavit. The absence of such an affidavit shall not be deemed  
 3064 evidence that the identity of the father is reasonably ascertainable. For purposes of determining whether  
 3065 the identity of the father is reasonably ascertainable, the standard of what is reasonable under the  
 3066 circumstances shall control, taking into account the relative interests of the child, the mother and the  
 3067 father.

3068 An entrustment agreement for the termination of all parental rights and responsibilities with respect  
 3069 to the child shall be valid notwithstanding that it is not signed by the birth father of a child when such  
 3070 father has been convicted of a violation of subsection A of § 18.2-61 or subsection B of § 18.2-366, and  
 3071 the child was conceived as the result of such violation.

3072 § 63.1-204. (Delayed effective date) Acceptance and control over children.

3073 A. A licensed child-welfare agency shall have the right to accept, for any purpose not contrary to the

3074 limitations contained in its license, such children as may be entrusted or committed to it by the parents,  
 3075 ~~guardians, relatives~~ guardian, legal custodian or other persons having legal custody thereof person  
 3076 standing in loco parentis, or committed by any court of competent jurisdiction. The agency shall, within  
 3077 the terms of its license and the agreement or order by which such child is entrusted or committed to its  
 3078 care, have custody and control of every child so entrusted or committed and accepted, until he is  
 3079 lawfully discharged, has been adopted, or has attained his majority.

3080 An agency which is licensed as a child-placing agency by the Department of Social Services and  
 3081 certified as a proprietary school for students with disabilities by the Department of Education shall not  
 3082 be required to take custody of any child placed in its special education program but shall enter into a  
 3083 placement agreement with the parents or guardian or legal custodian of the child concerning the  
 3084 respective responsibilities of the agency and the parents or guardian for the care and control of the child.  
 3085 Such an agency shall conform with all other legal requirements of licensed child-placing agencies  
 3086 including the provisions of §§ 16.1-281 and 16.1-282.

3087 A licensed private child-placing agency may accept placement of a child through an agreement with  
 3088 a local department of social services where the local department of social services retains legal custody  
 3089 of the child or where the parents or legal a parent, guardian or legal custodian of the child retain legal  
 3090 custody but have entered into a placement agreement with the local department or the public agency  
 3091 designated by the community policy and management team.

3092 Whenever a licensed child-placing agency accepts legal custody of a child, the agency shall comply  
 3093 with §§ 16.1-281 and 16.1-282.

3094 A child-caring institution licensed as a temporary emergency shelter may accept a child for  
 3095 placement provided that verbal agreement for placement is obtained from the parents, guardians,  
 3096 relatives or other persons having legal custody thereof, within eight hours of the child's arrival at the  
 3097 facility and provided that a written placement agreement is completed and signed by the legal guardian  
 3098 and the facility representative within twenty-four hours of the child's arrival or by the end of the next  
 3099 business day after the child's arrival.

3100 B. Whenever a licensed child-welfare agency accepts custody of a child pursuant to a temporary  
 3101 entrustment agreement entered into under the authority of this section, except when the entrustment  
 3102 agreement between the parent or parents and the licensed child-welfare agency provides for the  
 3103 termination of all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child, such child-welfare agency,  
 3104 except a child-caring institution when the child is placed there by a parent or parents, shall petition the  
 3105 family court of the city or county for approval of such agreement within a reasonable time, not to  
 3106 exceed thirty days, after its execution; however, such petition shall not be required when the agreement  
 3107 stipulates in writing that the temporary entrustment shall be for less than ninety days and the child is  
 3108 returned to his home within that period.

3109 C. A child may be placed for adoption by a licensed child-placing agency or a local board of public  
 3110 welfare or social services, in accordance with the provisions of § 63.1-220.2.

3111 For the purposes of this section, a parent who is less than eighteen years of age shall be deemed  
 3112 fully competent and shall have legal capacity to execute a valid entrustment agreement, including an  
 3113 agreement which provides for the termination of all parental rights and responsibilities, and shall be as  
 3114 fully bound thereby as if such parent had attained the age of eighteen years. An entrustment agreement  
 3115 for the termination of all parental rights and responsibilities with respect to the child shall be valid  
 3116 notwithstanding that it is not signed by the father of a child born out of wedlock if the identity of the  
 3117 father is not reasonably ascertainable, or if such father is given notice of the entrustment by registered  
 3118 or certified mail to his last known address and such father fails to object to the entrustment within  
 3119 twenty-one days of the mailing of such notice. An affidavit of the mother that the identity of the father  
 3120 is not reasonably ascertainable shall be sufficient evidence of this fact, provided there is no other  
 3121 evidence which would refute such an affidavit. The absence of such an affidavit shall not be deemed  
 3122 evidence that the identity of the father is reasonably ascertainable. For purposes of determining whether  
 3123 the identity of the father is reasonably ascertainable, the standard of what is reasonable under the  
 3124 circumstances shall control, taking into account the relative interests of the child, the mother and the  
 3125 father.

3126 An entrustment agreement for the termination of all parental rights and responsibilities with respect  
 3127 to the child shall be valid notwithstanding that it is not signed by the birth father of a child when such  
 3128 father has been convicted of a violation of subsection A of § 18.2-61 or subsection B of § 18.2-366, and  
 3129 the child was conceived as the result of such violation.

3130 § 63.1-204.1. Visitation of child placed in foster care.

3131 The circuit courts and juvenile and domestic relations district courts shall have the authority to grant  
 3132 visitation rights to the natural parents and grandparents parents, grandparents, guardian, legal custodian  
 3133 or other person standing in loco parentis of any child entrusted or committed to foster care if the court  
 3134 finds (i) that the parent or grandparent parents, grandparents, guardian, legal custodian or other person

3135 *standing in loco parentis* had an on-going relationship with the child prior to his being placed in foster  
 3136 care and (ii) it is in the best interests of the child that the relationship continue. The order of the court  
 3137 committing the child to foster care shall state the nature and extent of any visitation rights granted as  
 3138 provided in this section.

3139 § 63.1-204.1. (Delayed effective date) Visitation of child placed in foster care.

3140 The family courts shall have the authority to grant visitation rights to the ~~natural parents and~~  
 3141 ~~grandparents~~ *parents, grandparents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis*  
 3142 of any child entrusted or committed to foster care if the court finds (i) that the ~~parent or grandparent~~  
 3143 *parents, grandparents, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* had an  
 3144 on-going relationship with the child prior to his being placed in foster care and (ii) it is in the best  
 3145 interests of the child that the relationship continue. The order of the court committing the child to foster  
 3146 care shall state the nature and extent of any visitation rights granted as provided in this section.

3147 § 63.1-204.2. Child support for child placed in foster care by court.

3148 Pursuant to § 16.1-290, ~~responsible persons~~ *parents or other persons legally obligated to pay support*  
 3149 shall pay child support for a child placed in foster care from the date that custody was awarded to the  
 3150 local department of social services. The court order shall state the names of the ~~responsible parents or~~  
 3151 *other persons obligated to pay support*, and either specify the amount of the support obligation pursuant  
 3152 to §§ 20-108.1 and 20-108.2 or indicate that the Division of Child Support Enforcement will establish  
 3153 the amount of the support obligation. In fixing the amount of support, the court or the Division of Child  
 3154 Support Enforcement shall consider the extent to which the payment of support by the responsible  
 3155 person may affect the ability of such responsible person to implement a foster care plan developed  
 3156 pursuant to § 16.1-281.

3157 § 63.1-210.1. Visitation by parents ~~or guardians, etc.~~ in child day programs.

3158 A custodial parent ~~or~~, guardian, *legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis* shall be  
 3159 admitted to any child day program. For purposes of this section, "child day program" is one in which a  
 3160 person or organization has agreed to assume responsibility for the supervision, protection, and well-being  
 3161 of a child under the age of thirteen for less than a twenty-four-hour period, regardless of whether it is  
 3162 licensed. Such right of admission shall apply only while the child is in the child day program.

3163 § 63.1-219.2. Governor to execute; form of compact.

3164 The Governor of Virginia is hereby authorized and requested to execute, on behalf of the  
 3165 Commonwealth of Virginia, with any other state or states legally joining therein, a compact which shall  
 3166 be in form substantially as follows:

3167 The contracting states solemnly agree that:

3168 ARTICLE I. Purpose and Policy

3169 It is the purpose and policy of the party states to cooperate with each other in the interstate  
 3170 placement of children to the end that:

3171 (a) Each child requiring placement shall receive the maximum opportunity to be placed in a suitable  
 3172 environment and with persons or institutions having appropriate qualifications and facilities to provide a  
 3173 necessary and desirable degree and type of care.

3174 (b) The appropriate authorities in a state where a child is to be placed may have full opportunity to  
 3175 ascertain the circumstances of the proposed placement, thereby promoting full compliance with  
 3176 applicable requirements for the protection of the child.

3177 (c) The proper authorities of the state from which the placement is made may obtain the most  
 3178 complete information on the basis of which to evaluate a projected placement before it is made.

3179 (d) Appropriate jurisdictional arrangements for the care of children will be promoted.

3180 ARTICLE II. Definitions

3181 As used in this compact:

3182 (a) "Child" means a person who, by reason of minority, is legally subject to parental, guardianship or  
 3183 similar control.

3184 (b) "Sending agency" means a party state, officer or employee thereof; a subdivision of a party state,  
 3185 or officer or employee thereof; a court of a party state; a person, corporation, association, charitable  
 3186 agency or other entity which sends, brings, or causes to be sent or brought any child to another party  
 3187 state.

3188 (c) "Receiving state" means the state to which a child is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or  
 3189 brought, whether by public authorities or private persons or agencies, and whether for placement with  
 3190 state or local public authorities or for placement with private agencies or persons.

3191 (d) "Placement" means the arrangement for the care of a child in a family free or boarding home or  
 3192 in a child-caring agency or institution but does not include any institution caring for the mentally ill,  
 3193 mentally defective or epileptic or any institution primarily educational in character, and any hospital or  
 3194 other medical facility.

3195 ARTICLE III. Conditions for Placement

3196 (a) No sending agency shall send, bring, or cause to be sent or brought into any other party state any

3197 child for placement in foster care or as a preliminary to a possible adoption unless the sending agency  
 3198 shall comply with each and every requirement set forth in this article and with the applicable laws of  
 3199 the receiving state governing the placement of children therein.

3200 (b) Prior to sending, bringing or causing any child to be sent or brought into a receiving state for  
 3201 placement in foster care or as a preliminary to a possible adoption, the sending agency shall furnish the  
 3202 appropriate public authorities in the receiving state written notice of the intention to send, bring, or place  
 3203 the child in the receiving state. The notice shall contain:

3204 (1) The name, date and place of birth of the child.

3205 (2) The identity and address or addresses of the parents ~~or legal~~, guardian *or legal custodian*.

3206 (3) The name and address of the person, agency or institution to or with which the sending agency  
 3207 proposes to send, bring, or place the child.

3208 (4) A full statement of the reasons for such proposed action and evidence of the authority pursuant to  
 3209 which the placement is proposed to be made.

3210 (c) Any public officer or agency in a receiving state which is in receipt of a notice pursuant to  
 3211 paragraph (b) of this article may request of the sending agency, or any other appropriate officer or  
 3212 agency of or in the sending agency's state, and shall be entitled to receive therefrom, such supporting or  
 3213 additional information as it may deem necessary under the circumstances to carry out the purpose and  
 3214 policy of this compact.

3215 (d) The child shall not be sent, brought or caused to be sent or brought into the receiving state until  
 3216 the appropriate public authorities in the receiving state shall notify the sending agency, in writing, to the  
 3217 effect that the proposed placement does not appear to be contrary to the interests of the child.

#### 3218 ARTICLE IV. Penalty for Illegal Placement

3219 The sending, bringing, or causing to be sent or brought into any receiving state of a child in  
 3220 violation of the terms of this compact shall constitute a violation of the laws respecting the placement of  
 3221 children of both the state in which the sending agency is located or from which it sends or brings the  
 3222 child and of the receiving state. Such violation may be punished or subjected to penalty in either  
 3223 jurisdiction in accordance with its laws. In addition to liability for any such punishment or penalty, any  
 3224 such violation shall constitute full and sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of any license,  
 3225 permit, or other legal authorization held by the sending agency which empowers or allows it to place, or  
 3226 care for children.

#### 3227 ARTICLE V. Retention of Jurisdiction

3228 (a) The sending agency shall retain jurisdiction over the child sufficient to determine all matters in  
 3229 relation to the custody, supervision, care, treatment and disposition of the child which it would have had  
 3230 if the child had remained in the sending agency's state, until the child is adopted, reaches majority,  
 3231 becomes self-supporting or is discharged with the concurrence of the appropriate authority in the  
 3232 receiving state. Such jurisdiction shall also include the power to effect or cause the return of the child or  
 3233 its transfer to another location and custody pursuant to law. The sending agency shall continue to have  
 3234 financial responsibility for support and maintenance of the child during the period of the placement.  
 3235 Nothing contained herein shall defeat a claim of jurisdiction by a receiving state sufficient to deal with  
 3236 an act of delinquency or crime committed therein.

3237 (b) When the sending agency is a public agency, it may enter into an agreement with an authorized  
 3238 public or private agency in the receiving state providing for the performance of one or more services in  
 3239 respect of such cases by the latter as agent for the sending agency.

3240 (c) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to prevent a private charitable agency authorized to  
 3241 place children in the receiving state from performing services or acting as agent in that state for a  
 3242 private charitable agency of the sending state; nor to prevent the agency in the receiving state from  
 3243 discharging financial responsibility for the support and maintenance of a child who has been placed on  
 3244 behalf of the sending agency without relieving the responsibility set forth in paragraph (a) hereof.

#### 3245 ARTICLE VI. Institutional Care of Delinquent Children

3246 A child adjudicated delinquent may be placed in an institution in another party jurisdiction pursuant  
 3247 to this compact but no such placement shall be made unless the child is given a court hearing on notice  
 3248 to the parent or guardian with opportunity to be heard, prior to his being sent to such other party  
 3249 jurisdiction for institutional care and the court finds that:

3250 1. Equivalent facilities for the child are not available in the sending agency's jurisdiction; and

3251 2. Institutional care in the other jurisdiction is in the best interest of the child and will not produce  
 3252 undue hardship.

#### 3253 ARTICLE VII. Compact Administrator

3254 The executive head of each jurisdiction party to this compact shall designate an officer who shall be  
 3255 general coordinator of activities under this compact in his jurisdiction and who, acting jointly with like  
 3256 officers of other party jurisdictions, shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry  
 3257 out more effectively the terms and provisions of this compact.

## ARTICLE VIII. Limitations

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3259 This compact shall not apply to:

3260 (a) The sending or bringing of a child into a receiving state by his parent, step-parent, grandparent,  
 3261 adult brother or sister, adult uncle or aunt, or his guardian or *legal custodian* and leaving the child with  
 3262 any such relative or nonagency guardian in the receiving state.

3263 (b) Any placement, sending or bringing of a child into a receiving state pursuant to any other  
 3264 interstate compact to which both the state from which the child is sent or brought and the receiving state  
 3265 are party, or to any other agreement between said states which has the force of law.

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## ARTICLE IX. Enactment and Withdrawal

3267 This compact shall be open to joinder by any state, territory or possession of the United States, the  
 3268 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and, with the consent of Congress, the  
 3269 Government of Canada or any province thereof. It shall become effective with respect to any such  
 3270 jurisdiction when such jurisdiction has enacted the same into law. Withdrawal from this compact shall  
 3271 be by the enactment of a statute repealing the same, but shall not take effect until two years after the  
 3272 effective date of such statute and until written notice of the withdrawal has been given by the  
 3273 withdrawing state to the Governor of each other party jurisdiction. Withdrawal of a party state shall not  
 3274 affect the rights, duties and obligations under this compact of any sending agency therein with respect to  
 3275 a placement made prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

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## ARTICLE X. Construction and Severability

3277 The provisions of this compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes thereof. The  
 3278 provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this  
 3279 compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the  
 3280 applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of  
 3281 the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or  
 3282 circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of  
 3283 any state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and  
 3284 in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

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§ 63.1-248.6. Local departments to establish child-protective services; duties.

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3287 A. Each local department shall establish child-protective services under a departmental coordinator  
 3288 within such department or with one or more adjacent local departments which shall be staffed with  
 3289 qualified personnel pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State Board of Social Services. The local  
 3290 department shall be the public agency responsible for receiving and investigating complaints and reports,  
 3291 except that (i) in cases where the reports or complaints are to be made to the juvenile and domestic  
 3292 relations district court and the judge determines that no local department of social services within a  
 3293 reasonable geographic distance can impartially investigate the report, the court shall be responsible for  
 3294 the investigation and (ii) in cases where an employee at a private or state-operated hospital, institution or  
 3295 other facility, or an employee of a school board is suspected of abusing or neglecting a child in such  
 3296 hospital, institution or other facility, or public school, the local department shall request the Department  
 3297 to assist in conducting the investigation in accordance with rules and regulations approved by the State  
 Board.

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3299 B. The local department shall ensure, through its own personnel or through cooperative arrangements  
 3300 with other local agencies, that personnel who investigate reports or complaints that an employee of a  
 3301 private or state-operated hospital, institution or other facility, or an employee of a school board, abused  
 3302 or neglected a child in such hospital, institution or other facility, or public school, are qualified and  
 assisted by the Department in accordance with State Board regulations.

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3304 C. The local department shall ensure, through its own personnel or through cooperative arrangements  
 3305 with other local agencies, the capability of receiving reports or complaints and responding to them  
 promptly on a twenty-four-hours-a-day, seven-days-per-week basis.

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3307 D. The local department shall widely publicize a telephone number for receiving complaints and  
 reports.

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3309 E. The local department shall upon receipt of a report or complaint:  
 3310 1. Make immediate investigation;  
 3311 2. When investigation of a complaint reveals cause to suspect abuse or neglect, complete a report and  
 transmit it forthwith to the central registry;

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3313 3. When abuse or neglect is found, arrange for necessary protective and rehabilitative services to be  
 provided to the child and his family;

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3315 4. If removal of the child or his siblings from their home is deemed necessary, petition the court for  
 such removal;

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3317 5. Report immediately to the attorney for the Commonwealth and the local law-enforcement agency  
 3318 and make available to them the records of the local department when abuse or neglect is suspected in  
 any case involving (i) death of a child; (ii) injury or threatened injury to the child in which a felony or  
 Class 1 misdemeanor is also suspected; (iii) any sexual abuse, suspected sexual abuse or other sexual

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3320 offense involving a child, including but not limited to the use or display of the child in sexually explicit  
 3321 visual material, as defined in § 18.2-374.1; (iv) any abduction of a child; (v) any felony or Class 1  
 3322 misdemeanor drug offense involving a child; or (vi) contributing to the delinquency of a minor in  
 3323 violation of § 18.2-371, and provide the attorneys for the Commonwealth and the local law-enforcement  
 3324 agency with records of any complaints of abuse or neglect involving the victim or the alleged  
 3325 perpetrator. The local department shall not allow reports of the death of the victim from other local  
 3326 agencies to substitute for direct reports to the attorney for the Commonwealth and the local  
 3327 law-enforcement agency;

3328 6. Send a follow-up report based on the investigation to the central registry within fourteen days and  
 3329 at subsequent intervals to be determined by Board regulations;

3330 7. Determine within forty-five days if a report of abuse or neglect is founded or unfounded and  
 3331 transmit a report to such effect to the central registry and to the person who is the subject of the  
 3332 investigation. However, upon written justification by the local department, such determination may be  
 3333 extended, not to exceed a total of sixty days. If through the exercise of reasonable diligence the  
 3334 department is unable to find the child who is the subject of the report, the time the child cannot be  
 3335 found shall not be computed as part of the forty-five-day or sixty-day period and documentation of such  
 3336 reasonable diligence shall be placed in the record;

3337 8. If a report of abuse or neglect is unfounded, transmit a report to such effect to the complainant  
 3338 and parent or guardian or *legal custodian* and the person responsible for the care of the child in those  
 3339 cases where such person was suspected of abuse or neglect;

3340 9. When abuse or neglect is suspected in any case involving the death of a child, report the case  
 3341 immediately to the regional medical examiner and the local law-enforcement agency;

3342 10. Use reasonable diligence to locate (i) any child for whom a report of suspected abuse or neglect  
 3343 has been received and is under investigation or for whom a founded determination of abuse and neglect  
 3344 has been made and a child protective services case opened and (ii) persons who are the subject of a  
 3345 report that is under investigation, if the whereabouts of the child or such persons are unknown to the  
 3346 local department;

3347 11. When an abused or neglected child and the persons who are the subject of an open child  
 3348 protective services case have relocated out of the jurisdiction of the local department, notify the child  
 3349 protective services agency in the jurisdiction to which such persons have relocated, whether inside or  
 3350 outside of the Commonwealth, and forward to such agency relevant portions of the case record. The  
 3351 receiving local department shall arrange protective and rehabilitative services as required by this section;  
 3352 and

3353 12. When a child for whom a report of suspected abuse or neglect has been received and is under  
 3354 investigation and the child and/or the child's parents or other persons responsible for the child's care who  
 3355 are the subject of the report that is under investigation have relocated out of the jurisdiction of the local  
 3356 department, notify the child protective services agency in the jurisdiction to which the child and/or such  
 3357 persons have relocated, whether inside or outside of the Commonwealth, and complete such  
 3358 investigation by requesting such agency's assistance in completing the investigation. The local  
 3359 department that completes the investigation shall forward to the receiving agency relevant portions of the  
 3360 case record in order for the receiving agency to arrange protective and rehabilitative services as required  
 3361 by this section.

3362 F. The local department shall foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance and coordination of  
 3363 hospital and community-based multi-disciplinary teams which shall include where possible, but not be  
 3364 limited to, members of the medical, mental health, social work, nursing, education, legal and  
 3365 law-enforcement professions. Such teams shall assist the local departments in identifying abused and  
 3366 neglected children; coordinating medical, social, and legal services for the children and their families;  
 3367 developing innovative programs for detection and prevention of child abuse; promoting community  
 3368 concern and action in the area of child abuse and neglect; and disseminating information to the general  
 3369 public with respect to the problem of child abuse and neglect and the facilities and prevention and  
 3370 treatment methods available to combat child abuse and neglect. These teams may be the family  
 3371 assessment and planning teams established pursuant to § 2.1-753. Multi-disciplinary teams may develop  
 3372 agreements regarding the exchange of information among the parties for the purposes of the  
 3373 investigation and disposition of complaints of child abuse and neglect, delivery of services, and child  
 3374 protection. Any information exchanged in accordance with the agreement shall not be considered to be a  
 3375 violation of the provisions of § 63.1-53 or § 63.1-209.

3376 The local department shall also coordinate its efforts in the provision of these services for abused and  
 3377 neglected children with the judge and staff of the court.

3378 G. The local department shall report annually on its activities concerning abused and neglected  
 3379 children to the court and to the Child-Protective Services Unit in the Department on forms provided by  
 3380 the Department.

3381 H. Statements, or any evidence derived therefrom, made to local department child-protective services  
3382 personnel, or to any person performing the duties of such personnel, by any person accused of the  
3383 abuse, injury, neglect or death of a child after the arrest of such person, shall not be used in evidence in  
3384 the case in chief against such person in the criminal proceeding on the question of guilt or innocence  
3385 over the objection of the accused, unless the statement was made after such person was fully advised (i)  
3386 of his right to remain silent, (ii) that anything he says may be used against him in a court of law, (iii)  
3387 that he has a right to the presence of an attorney during any interviews, and (iv) that if he cannot afford  
3388 an attorney, one will be appointed for him prior to any questioning.

3389 I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the local department, in accordance with Board  
3390 regulations, shall transmit information regarding founded complaints and may transmit other information  
3391 regarding reports, complaints, and investigations involving active duty military personnel or members of  
3392 their household to family advocacy representatives of the United States Armed Forces.

3393 § 63.1-248.6. (Delayed effective date) Local departments to establish child-protective services; duties.

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3395 within such department or with one or more adjacent local departments which shall be staffed with  
3396 qualified personnel pursuant to regulations promulgated by the State Board of Social Services. The local  
3397 department shall be the public agency responsible for receiving and investigating complaints and reports,  
3398 except that (i) in cases where the reports or complaints are to be made to the family court and the judge  
3399 determines that no local department of social services within a reasonable geographic distance can  
3400 impartially investigate the report, the court shall be responsible for the investigation and (ii) in cases  
3401 where an employee at a private or state-operated hospital, institution or other facility, or an employee of  
3402 a school board is suspected of abusing or neglecting a child in such hospital, institution or other facility,  
3403 or public school, the local department shall request the Department to assist in conducting the  
3404 investigation in accordance with rules and regulations approved by the State Board.

3405 B. The local department shall ensure, through its own personnel or through cooperative arrangements  
3406 with other local agencies, that personnel who investigate reports or complaints that an employee of a  
3407 private or state-operated hospital, institution or other facility, or an employee of a school board, abused  
3408 or neglected a child in such hospital, institution or other facility, or public school, are qualified and  
3409 assisted by the Department in accordance with State Board regulations.

3410 C. The local department shall ensure, through its own personnel or through cooperative arrangements  
3411 with other local agencies, the capability of receiving reports or complaints and responding to them  
3412 promptly on a twenty-four-hours-a-day, seven-days-per-week basis.

3413 D. The local department shall widely publicize a telephone number for receiving complaints and  
3414 reports.

3415 E. The local department shall upon receipt of a report or complaint:

3416 1. Make immediate investigation;

3417 2. When investigation of a complaint reveals cause to suspect abuse or neglect, complete a report and  
3418 transmit it forthwith to the central registry;

3419 3. When abuse or neglect is found, arrange for necessary protective and rehabilitative services to be  
3420 provided to the child and his family;

3421 4. If removal of the child or his siblings from their home is deemed necessary, petition the court for  
3422 such removal;

3423 5. Report immediately to the attorney for the Commonwealth and the local law-enforcement agency  
3424 and make available to them the records of the local department when abuse or neglect is suspected in  
3425 any case involving (i) death of a child; (ii) injury or threatened injury to the child in which a felony or  
3426 Class 1 misdemeanor is also suspected; (iii) any sexual abuse, suspected sexual abuse or other sexual  
3427 offense involving a child, including but not limited to the use or display of the child in sexually explicit  
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3429 misdemeanor drug offense involving a child; or (vi) contributing to the delinquency of a minor in  
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3431 agency with records of any complaints of abuse or neglect involving the victim or the alleged  
3432 perpetrator. The local department shall not allow reports of the death of the victim from other local  
3433 agencies to substitute for a direct report to the attorney for the Commonwealth and the local  
3434 law-enforcement agency;

3435 6. Send a follow-up report based on the investigation to the central registry within fourteen days and  
3436 at subsequent intervals to be determined by Board regulations;

3437 7. Determine within forty-five days if a report of abuse or neglect is founded or unfounded and  
3438 transmit a report to such effect to the central registry and to the person who is the subject of the  
3439 investigation. However, upon written justification by the local department, such determination may be  
3440 extended, not to exceed a total of sixty days. If through the exercise of reasonable diligence the  
3441 department is unable to find the child who is the subject of the report, the time the child cannot be  
3442 found shall not be computed as part of the forty-five-day or sixty-day period and documentation of such

3443 reasonable diligence shall be placed in the record;

3444 8. If a report of abuse or neglect is unfounded, transmit a report to such effect to the complainant  
3445 and parent ~~or~~, guardian *or legal custodian* and the person responsible for the care of the child in those  
3446 cases where such person was suspected of abuse or neglect;

3447 9. When abuse or neglect is suspected in any case involving the death of a child, report the case  
3448 immediately to the regional medical examiner and the local law-enforcement agency;

3449 10. Use reasonable diligence to locate (i) any child for whom a report of suspected abuse or neglect  
3450 has been received and is under investigation or for whom a founded determination of abuse and neglect  
3451 has been made and a child protective services case opened and (ii) persons who are the subject of a  
3452 report that is under investigation, if the whereabouts of the child or such persons are unknown to the  
3453 local department;

3454 11. When an abused or neglected child and the persons who are the subject of an open child  
3455 protective services case have relocated out of the jurisdiction of the local department, notify the child  
3456 protective services agency in the jurisdiction to which such persons have relocated, whether inside or  
3457 outside of the Commonwealth, and forward to such agency relevant portions of the case record. The  
3458 receiving local department shall arrange protective and rehabilitative services as required by this section;  
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3460 12. When a child for whom a report of suspected abuse or neglect has been received and is under  
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3462 are the subject of the report that is under investigation have relocated out of the jurisdiction of the local  
3463 department, notify the child protective services agency in the jurisdiction to which the child and/or such  
3464 persons have relocated, whether inside or outside of the Commonwealth, and complete such  
3465 investigation by requesting such agency's assistance in completing the investigation. The local  
3466 department that completes the investigation shall forward to the receiving agency relevant portions of the  
3467 case record in order for the receiving agency to arrange protective and rehabilitative services as required  
3468 by this section.

3469 F. The local department shall foster, when practicable, the creation, maintenance and coordination of  
3470 hospital and community-based multi-disciplinary teams which shall include where possible, but not be  
3471 limited to, members of the medical, mental health, social work, nursing, education, legal and  
3472 law-enforcement professions. Such teams shall assist the local departments in identifying abused and  
3473 neglected children; coordinating medical, social, and legal services for the children and their families;  
3474 developing innovative programs for detection and prevention of child abuse; promoting community  
3475 concern and action in the area of child abuse and neglect; and disseminating information to the general  
3476 public with respect to the problem of child abuse and neglect and the facilities and prevention and  
3477 treatment methods available to combat child abuse and neglect. These teams may be the family  
3478 assessment and planning teams established pursuant to § 2.1-753. Multi-disciplinary teams may develop  
3479 agreements regarding the exchange of information among the parties for the purposes of the  
3480 investigation and disposition of complaints of child abuse and neglect, delivery of services, and child  
3481 protection. Any information exchanged in accordance with the agreement shall not be considered to be a  
3482 violation of the provisions of § 63.1-53 or § 63.1-209.

3483 The local department shall also coordinate its efforts in the provision of these services for abused and  
3484 neglected children with the judge and staff of the court.

3485 G. The local department shall report annually on its activities concerning abused and neglected  
3486 children to the court and to the Child-Protective Services Unit in the Department on forms provided by  
3487 the Department.

3488 H. Statements, or any evidence derived therefrom, made to local department child-protective services  
3489 personnel, or to any person performing the duties of such personnel, by any person accused of the  
3490 abuse, injury, neglect or death of a child after the arrest of such person, shall not be used in evidence in  
3491 the case in chief against such person in the criminal proceeding on the question of guilt or innocence  
3492 over the objection of the accused, unless the statement was made after such person was fully advised (i)  
3493 of his right to remain silent, (ii) that anything he says may be used against him in a court of law, (iii)  
3494 that he has a right to the presence of an attorney during any interviews, and (iv) that if he cannot afford  
3495 an attorney, one will be appointed for him prior to any questioning.

3496 I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the local department, in accordance with Board  
3497 regulations, shall transmit information regarding founded complaints and may transmit other information  
3498 regarding reports, complaints, and investigations involving active duty military personnel or members of  
3499 their household to family advocacy representatives of the United States Armed Forces.

3500 § 63.1-248.9. Authority to take child into custody.

3501 A. A physician or protective service worker of a local department or law-enforcement official  
3502 investigating a report or complaint of abuse and neglect may take a child into custody for up to  
3503 seventy-two hours without prior approval of parents ~~or guardians~~, guardian, legal custodian, or the

3504 *person standing in loco parentis* provided:

3505 1. The circumstances of the child are such that continuing in his place of residence or in the care or  
3506 custody of the parent, guardian, *legal custodian* ~~or~~, other person *standing in loco parentis* or other  
3507 person responsible for the child's care, presents an imminent danger to the child's life or health to the  
3508 extent that severe or irremediable injury would be likely to result before a hearing can be held; and

3509 2. A court order is not immediately obtainable; and

3510 3. The court has set up procedures for placing such children; and

3511 4. Following taking the child into custody, the parents ~~or guardians~~, *guardian, legal custodian, or*  
3512 *other person standing in loco parentis* are notified as soon as practicable that he is in custody; and

3513 5. A report is made to the local department; and

3514 6. The court is notified and the person or agency taking custody of such child obtains, as soon as  
3515 possible, but in no event later than seventy-two hours, an emergency removal order pursuant to  
3516 § 16.1-251; however, if a preliminary removal order is issued after a hearing held in accordance with  
3517 § 16.1-252 within seventy-two hours of the removal of the child, an emergency removal order shall not  
3518 be necessary.

3519 B. If the seventy-two-hour period for holding a child in custody and for obtaining a preliminary or  
3520 emergency removal order expires on a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, the seventy-two hours  
3521 shall be extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, but in no event  
3522 shall either such period exceed ninety-six hours.