1997 SESSION

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER An Act to amend and reenact § 63.1-204.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to foster care; support.

5 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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1. That § 63.1-204.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 6

7 § 63.1-204.3. Child support for child placed in foster care where legal custody remains with parent or 8 guardian.

Approved

9 Responsible persons shall pay child support for a child placed in foster care through an agreement 10 where legal custody remains with the parent or guardian pursuant to subdivision 4 of § 16.1-278.2 or § 63.1-56, from the date that the child was placed in foster care. The agreement between the parents and 11 the local board of social services or public agency shall include provisions for the payment of child 12 support. In fixing the amount of support, the court or, the Division of Child Support Enforcement, the 13 14 local board or the public agency shall consider the extent to which the payment of support by the responsible person may affect the ability of such responsible person to implement a foster care plan 15 developed pursuant to § 16.1-281. If the responsible person fails or refuses to pay such sum on a timely 16 basis, the local board or public agency may petition the juvenile court to order such payment. 17

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