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SENATE BILL NO. 472

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions on February 19, 2008)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Hanger) A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 22.1-323.2, 37.2-408, 63.2-1737, and 66-24 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 37.2-408.1, relating to regulation of group homes and residential facilities for children.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 22.1-323.2, 37.2-408, 63.2-1737, and 66-24 of the Code of Virginia are amended and 10 reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 37.2-408.1 as 11 12 follows:

§ 22.1-323.2. Licensure of services delivered in group homes and residential facilities for children.

14 A. The Department of Education shall cooperate with other state departments in fulfilling their 15 respective licensing and certification responsibilities and in reducing and simplifying the regulations involved in the licensing and certification of residential schools for students with disabilities regarding 16 17 educational programs offered in group homes and residential facilities in the Commonwealth. The Board shall promulgate regulations allowing the Department of Education to so assist and cooperate with other 18 19 state departments.

20 B. The Board's regulations shall address the *educational* services required to be provided in such 21 group homes and residential schools facilities as it may deem appropriate to ensure the education and 22 safety of the students. In addition, the Board's regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to (i) 23 specifications for the structure and accommodations of such homes or facilities according to the needs of 24 the students; (ii) rules concerning allowable activities, local government- and facility-imposed curfews, 25 and study, recreational, and bedtime hours; and (iii) a requirement that each facility have a community 26 liaison who shall be responsible for facilitating cooperative relationships with the neighbors, the school 27 system, local law enforcement, local government officials, and the community at large.

28 C. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection B, the Board's regulations shall require, as a 29 condition of initial licensure or, if appropriate, license renewal, that the applicant shall: (i) be personally 30 interviewed by Department personnel to determine the qualifications of the owner or operator before granting an initial license; (ii) provide evidence of having relevant prior experience before any initial 31 32 license is granted; (iii) provide, as a condition of initial license or renewal licensure, evidence of staff 33 participation in training on appropriate siting of the residential facilities for children, good neighbor 34 policies, and community relations; and (iv) be required to screen residents prior to admission to exclude 35 individuals with behavioral issues, such as histories of violence, that cannot be managed in the relevant 36 residential facility.

D. In addition, the Department shall:

38 1. Notify relevant local governments and placing and funding agencies, including the Office of 39 Comprehensive Services, of multiple health and safety or human rights violations in residential facilities 40 for which the Department serves as lead licensure agency when such violations result in the lowering of 41 the licensure status of the facility to provisional;

42 2. Post on the Department's website information concerning the application for initial licensure of or 43 renewal, denial, or provisional licensure of any residential facility for children located in the locality;

44 3. Require all licensees to self report lawsuits against or settlements with residential facility operators relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents and any criminal charges that may have 45 been made relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents; 46

47 4. Require proof of contractual agreements or staff expertise to provide educational services, **48** counseling services, psychological services, medical services, or any other services needed to serve the 49 residents in accordance with the facility's operational plan; and

50 5. Modify the term of the license at any time during the term of the license based on a change in 51 compliance.

§ 37.2-408. Regulation of services delivered in group homes and residential facilities for children.

53 A. The Department shall assist and cooperate with other state departments in fulfilling their 54 respective licensing and certification responsibilities and in reducing and simplifying the regulations involved in such licensing and certification. The Board shall adopt regulations that shall allow the 55 Department to so assist and cooperate with other state departments. The Board may adopt regulations to 56 57 enhance cooperation and assistance among agencies licensing similar programs.

B. The Board's regulations shall establish the Department as the single licensing agency, with the 58 59 exception of educational programs licensed by the Department of Education, for group homes or

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60 residential facilities providing mental health, mental retardation, brain injury, or substance abuse services other than facilities operated or regulated by the Department of Juvenile Justice. Such 61 regulations shall address the services required to be provided in group homes and residential facilities 62 63 for children as it may deem appropriate to ensure the health and safety of the children. In addition, the 64 Board's regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to (i) specifications for the structure and 65 accommodations of such homes and facilities according to the needs of the children to be placed; (ii) 66 rules concerning allowable activities, local government- and home- or facility-imposed curfews, and study, recreational, and bedtime hours; and (iii) a requirement that each facility have a community 67 liaison who shall be responsible for facilitating cooperative relationships with the neighbors, the school 68 69 system, local law enforcement, local government officials, and the community at large.

70 C. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection D, the Commissioner may issue a summary order of suspension of the license of a group home or residential facility for children licensed pursuant 71 72 to the Board's regulations under subsection A, in conjunction with any proceeding for revocation, denial, or other action, when conditions or practices exist in the home or facility that pose an immediate and 73 74 substantial threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the children who are residents and the 75 Commissioner believes the operation should be suspended during the pendency of such proceeding.

D. The summary order of suspension shall take effect upon its issuance and shall be served on the 76 licensee or its designee as soon as practicable thereafter by personal service and certified mail, return 77 78 receipt requested, to the address of record of the licensee. The order shall state the time, date, and 79 location of a hearing to determine whether the suspension is appropriate. Such hearing shall be held no 80 later than three business days after the issuance of the summary order of suspension and shall be 81 convened by the Commissioner or his designee.

82 After such hearing, the Commissioner may issue a final order of summary suspension or may find 83 that such summary suspension is not warranted by the facts and circumstances presented. A final order 84 of summary suspension shall include notice that the licensee may appeal the Commissioner's decision to the appropriate circuit court no later than 10 days following issuance of the order. The sole issue before 85 86 the court shall be whether the Department had reasonable grounds to require the licensee to cease 87 operations during the pendency of the concurrent revocation, denial, or other proceeding. The concurrent 88 revocation, denial, or other proceeding shall not be affected by the outcome of any hearing on the 89 appropriateness of the summary suspension.

90 The willful and material failure to comply with the summary order of suspension or final order of 91 summary suspension shall be punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor. The Commissioner may require the 92 cooperation of any other agency or subdivision of the Commonwealth in the relocation of children who 93 are residents of a home or facility whose license has been summarily suspended pursuant to this section 94 and in any other actions necessary to reduce the risk of further harm to children.

E. In addition to the requirements set forth above, the Board's regulations shall require, as a 95 96 condition of initial licensure or, if appropriate, license renewal, that the applicant shall: (i) be personally interviewed by Department personnel to determine the qualifications of the owner or operator before 97 granting an initial license; (ii) provide evidence of having relevant prior experience before any initial 98 99 license is granted; (iii) provide, as a condition of initial license or renewal licensure, evidence of staff 100 participation in training on appropriate siting of the residential facilities for children, good neighbor policies, and community relations; and (iv) be required to screen residents prior to admission to exclude 101 102 individuals with behavioral issues, such as histories of violence, that cannot be managed in the relevant 103 residential facility. 104

F. In addition, the Department shall:

1. Notify relevant local governments and placing and funding agencies, including the Office of 105 Comprehensive Services, of multiple health and safety or human rights violations in residential facilities 106 for which the Department serves as lead licensure agency when such violations result in the lowering of 107 108 the licensure status of the facility to provisional;

109 2. Post on the Department's website information concerning the application for initial licensure of or 110 renewal, denial, or provisional licensure of any residential facility for children located in the locality;

111 3. Require all licensees to self-report lawsuits against or settlements with residential facility operators 112 relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents and any criminal charges that may have been made relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents; 113

114 4. Require proof of contractual agreements or staff expertise to provide educational services, counseling services, psychological services, medical services, or any other services needed to serve the 115 116 residents in accordance with the facility's operational plan; and

117 5. Modify the term of the license at any time during the term of the license based on a change in 118 compliance-; and

6. Disseminate to local governments, or post on the Department's website, an accurate (updated 119 120 weekly or monthly as necessary) list of licensed and operating group homes and other residential facilities for children by locality with information on services and identification of the lead licensure 121

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123 § 37.2-408.1. Background check required; children's residential facilities.

124 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 37.2-416, as a condition of employment, volunteering or 125 providing services on a regular basis, every children's residential facility that is regulated or operated 126 by the Department shall require any individual who (i) accepts a position of employment at such a 127 facility who was not employed by that facility prior to July 1, 2008, (ii) volunteers for such a facility on 128 a regular basis and will be alone with a juvenile in the performance of his duties who was not a 129 volunteer at such facility prior to July 1, 2008, or (iii) provides contractual services directly to a 130 juvenile for such facility on a regular basis and will be alone with a juvenile in the performance of his 131 duties who did not provide such services prior to July 1, 2008, to submit to fingerprinting and to 132 provide personal descriptive information, to be forwarded along with the applicant's fingerprints through 133 the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of 134 obtaining criminal history record information regarding such applicant. The children's residential 135 facility shall inform the applicant that he is entitled to obtain a copy of any background check report 136 and to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any such report and obtain a prompt resolution 137 before a final determination is made of the applicant's eligibility to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children. The applicant shall provide the children's residential facility with a written 138 139 statement or affirmation disclosing whether he has ever been convicted of or is the subject of pending 140 charges for any offense within or outside the Commonwealth. The results of the criminal history 141 background check must be received prior to permitting an applicant to work with children.

142 The Central Criminal Records Exchange, upon receipt of an individual's record or notification that 143 no record exists, shall forward it to the state agency that operates or regulates the children's residential 144 facility with which the applicant is affiliated. The state agency shall, upon receipt of an applicant's 145 record lacking disposition data, conduct research in whatever state and local recordkeeping systems are 146 available in order to obtain complete data. The state agency shall report to the children's facility 147 whether the applicant is eligible to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children. Except 148 as otherwise provided in subsection B, no children's residential facility regulated or operated by the Department shall hire for compensated employment or allow to volunteer or provide contractual services 149 150 persons who have been (a) convicted of or are the subject of pending charges for the following crimes: 151 murder or manslaughter as set out in Article 1 (§ 18.2-30 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2; malicious 152 wounding by mob as set out in § 18.2-41; abduction as set out in subsection A of § 18.2-47; abduction 153 for immoral purposes as set out in § 18.2-48; assault and bodily woundings as set out in Article 4 154 (§ 18.2-51 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2; robbery as set out in § 18.2-58; carjacking as set out in 155 § 18.2-58.1; extortion by threat as set out in § 18.2-59; threat as set out in § 18.2-60; any felony 156 stalking violation as set out in § 18.2-60.3; sexual assault as set out in Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of 157 Chapter 4 of Title 18.2; arson as set out in Article 1 (§ 18.2-77 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2; burglary as set out in Article 2 (§ 18.2-89 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2; any felony violation 158 relating to distribution of drugs as set out in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2; 159 drive-by shooting as set out in § 18.2-286.1; use of a machine gun in a crime of violence as set out in § 18.2-289; aggressive use of a machine gun as set out in § 18.2-290; use of a sawed-off shotgun in a 160 161 crime of violence as set out in subsection A of § 18.2-300; pandering as set out in § 18.2-355; crimes 162 against nature involving children as set out § 18.2-361; taking indecent liberties with children as set out 163 164 in § 18.2-370 or 18.2-370.1; abuse or neglect of children as set out in § 18.2-371.1, including failure to 165 secure medical attention for an injured child as set out in § 18.2-314; obscenity offenses as set out in 166 § 18.2-374.1; possession of child pornography as set out in § 18.2-374.1:1; electronic facilitation of 167 pornography as set out in § 18.2-374.3; incest as set out in § 18.2-366; abuse or neglect of incapacitated adults as set out in § 18.2-369; employing or permitting a minor to assist in an act 168 169 constituting an offense under Article 5 (§ 18.2-372 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2, as set out in § 18.2-379; delivery of drugs to prisoners as set out in § 18.2-474.1; escape from jail as set out in 170 171 § 18.2-477; felonies by prisoners as set out in § 53.1-203; or an equivalent offense in another state; or 172 (b) convicted of any felony violation relating to possession of drugs set out in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et 173 seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 in the five years prior to the application date for employment, to be a volunteer, or to provide contractual services; or (c) convicted of any felony violation relating to 174 175 possession of drugs as set out in Article 1 (§ 18.2-247 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 and continue 176 on probation or parole or have failed to pay required court costs. The provisions of this section also 177 shall apply to structured residential programs, excluding secure detention facilities, established pursuant 178 to § 16.1-309.3 for juvenile offenders cited in a complaint for intake or in a petition before the court 179 that alleges the juvenile is delinquent or in need of services or supervision.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, a children's residential facility may hire for
 compensated employment or for volunteer or contractual service purposes persons who have been
 convicted of not more than one misdemeanor offense under § 18.2-57 or 18.2-57.2, if 10 years have

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183 elapsed following the conviction, unless the person committed such offense in the scope of his184 employment, volunteer, or contractual services.

185 If the applicant is denied employment, or the opportunity to volunteer or provide services, at a 186 children's residential facility because of information appearing on his criminal history record, and the 187 applicant disputes the information upon which the denial was based, upon written request of the 188 applicant the state agency shall furnish the applicant the procedures for obtaining his criminal history 189 record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If the applicant has been permitted to assume duties 190 that do not involve contact with children pending receipt of the report, the children's residential facility 191 is not precluded from suspending the applicant from his position pending a final determination of the 192 applicant's eligibility to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children. The information 193 provided to the children's residential facility shall not be disseminated except as provided in this section.

194 C. Those individuals listed in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subsection A also shall authorize the children's residential facility to obtain a copy of information from the central registry maintained 195 pursuant to § 63.2-1515 on any investigation of child abuse or neglect undertaken on him. The applicant 196 197 shall provide the children's residential facility with a written statement or affirmation disclosing whether 198 he has ever been the subject of a founded case of child abuse or neglect within or outside the 199 Commonwealth. The children's residential facility shall receive the results of the central registry search 200 prior to permitting an applicant to work alone with children. Children's residential facilities regulated 201 or operated by the Department shall not hire for compensated employment or allow to volunteer or 202 provide contractual services, persons who have a founded case of child abuse or neglect.

D. The cost of obtaining the criminal history record and the central registry information shall be
 borne by the employee or volunteer unless the children's residential facility, at its option, decides to pay
 the cost.

§ 63.2-1737. Licensure of group homes and residential facilities for children.

207 A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, the Department shall cooperate with other 208 state departments in fulfilling their respective licensing and certification responsibilities and in reducing 209 and simplifying the regulations involved in such licensing and certification of children's residential 210 facilities. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing the Department as the single licensing agency 211 for the interdepartmental regulation of children's residential facilities, including group homes that shall 212 allow the Department to assist and cooperate with other state departments in fulfilling their respective 213 licensing and certification responsibilities and in reducing and simplifying the regulations involved in 214 such licensing and certification, which provide social services programs, with the exception of 215 educational programs licensed by the Department of Education and facilities regulated by the 216 Department of Juvenile Justice. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, licenses issued to 217 children's residential facilities pursuant to cooperative efforts described in this section may be issued for 218 periods of up to 36 successive months.

219 B. The Board's regulations for the interdepartmental regulation of children's residential facilities shall 220 address the services required to be provided in such facilities as it may deem appropriate to ensure the 221 health and safety of the children. In addition, the Board's regulations shall include, but shall not be 222 limited to (i) specifications for the structure and accommodations of such facilities according to the 223 needs of the children; (ii) rules concerning allowable activities, local government- and facility-imposed 224 curfews, and study, recreational, and bedtime hours; and (iii) a requirement that each facility have a 225 community liaison who shall be responsible for facilitating cooperative relationships with the neighbors, 226 the school system, local law enforcement, local government officials, and the community at large.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any facility licensed by the Commissioner as
 a child-caring institution as of January 1, 1987, and that receives no public funds shall be licensed under
 minimum standards for licensed child-caring institutions as adopted by the Board and in effect on
 January 1, 1987. Effective January 1, 1987, all children's residential facilities shall be licensed under the
 interdepartmental regulations for children's residential facilities.

D. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection E and in addition to the authority for other disciplinary actions provided in this title, the Commissioner may issue a summary order of suspension of the license of any group home or residential facility for children, in conjunction with any proceeding for revocation, denial, or other action, when conditions or practices exist in the home or facility that pose an immediate and substantial threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the children who are residents and the Commissioner believes the operation of the home or facility should be suspended during the pendency of such proceeding.

E. The summary order of suspension shall take effect upon its issuance and shall be served on the
licensee or its designee as soon as practicable thereafter by personal service and certified mail, return
receipt requested, to the address of record of the licensee. The order shall state the time, date, and
location of a hearing to determine whether the suspension is appropriate. Such hearing shall be held no
later than three business days after the issuance of the summary order of suspension and shall be
convened by the Commissioner or his designee.

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245 After such hearing, the Commissioner may issue a final order of summary suspension or may find 246 that such summary suspension is not warranted by the facts and circumstances presented. A final order 247 of summary suspension shall include notice that the licensee may appeal the Commissioner's decision to 248 the appropriate circuit court no later than 10 days following issuance of the order. The sole issue before 249 the court shall be whether the Commissioner had reasonable grounds to require the licensee to cease 250 operations during the pendency of the concurrent revocation, denial, or other proceeding. The concurrent 251 revocation, denial, or other proceeding shall not be affected by the outcome of any hearing on the 252 appropriateness of the summary suspension.

253 The willful and material failure to comply with the summary order of suspension or final order of 254 summary suspension shall be punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor. The Commissioner may require the 255 cooperation of any other agency or subdivision of the Commonwealth in the relocation of children who 256 are residents of a home or facility whose license has been summarily suspended pursuant to this section 257 and in any other actions necessary to reduce the risk of further harm to such residents.

258 F. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection B, the Board's regulations shall require, as a 259 condition of initial licensure or, if appropriate, license renewal, that the applicant shall: (i) be personally interviewed by Department personnel to determine the qualifications of the owner or operator before 260 261 granting an initial license; (ii) provide evidence of having relevant prior experience before any initial 262 license is granted; (iii) provide, as a condition of initial license or renewal licensure, evidence of staff 263 participation in training on appropriate siting of the residential facilities for children, good neighbor 264 policies, and community relations; and (iv) be required to screen residents prior to admission to exclude 265 individuals with behavioral issues, such as histories of violence, that cannot be managed in the relevant 266 residential facility. 267

G. In addition, the Department shall:

268 1. Notify relevant local governments and placing and funding agencies, including the Office of 269 Comprehensive Services, of multiple health and safety or human rights violations in residential facilities 270 for which the Department serves as lead licensure agency when such violations result in the lowering of 271 the licensure status of the facility to provisional;

272 2. Post on the Department's website information concerning the application for initial licensure of or 273 renewal, denial, or provisional licensure of any residential facility for children located in the locality;

274 3. Require all licensees to self-report lawsuits against or settlements with residential facility operators 275 relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents and any criminal charges that may have 276 been made relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents;

277 4. Require proof of contractual agreements or staff expertise to provide educational services, 278 counseling services, psychological services, medical services, or any other services needed to serve the 279 residents in accordance with the facility's operational plan;

280 5. Disseminate to local governments, or post on the Department's website, an accurate (updated weekly or monthly as necessary) list of licensed and operating group homes and other residential 281 282 facilities for children by locality with information on services and identification of the lead licensure 283 agency: and

284 6. Modify the term of the license at any time during the term of the license based on a change in 285 compliance.

286 § 66-24. Community group homes and other residential facilities for certain juveniles; licensure; 287 personnel; summary suspension under certain circumstances; penalty.

288 A. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall cooperate with other state departments in fulfilling their 289 respective licensing and certification responsibilities and in reducing and simplifying the regulations 290 involved in the licensing or certification of children's residential facilities. The Board shall promulgate 291 regulations that shall allow the Department to so assist and cooperate with other state departments. The 292 Board's regulations shall establish the Department as the single licensing agency, with the exception of 293 educational programs licensed by the Department of Education, for group homes or residential facilities 294 providing care of juveniles in direct state care.

295 B. The Department is authorized to establish and maintain such a system of community group homes 296 or other residential care facilities as the Department may from time to time acquire, construct, contract 297 for or rent for the care of juveniles in direct state care, pending development of more permanent 298 placement plans. Any community group home or other residential care facility that the Department may 299 contract for or rent for the care of juveniles in direct state care shall be licensed or certified in 300 accordance with the regulations of the Board.

301 Any more permanent placement plans shall consider adequate care and treatment, and suitable education, training and employment for such juveniles, as is appropriate. 302

303 C. The Department is further authorized to employ necessary personnel for community group homes 304 or other residential care facilities or to contract with private entities for their operation. The Department shall conduct background checks of any individual who (i) accepts a position of employment at a 305

306 community group home or other residential care facility, (ii) volunteers at a community group home or 307 other residential care facility on a regular basis and will be with a juvenile in the performance of his 308 duties, or (iii) provides contractual services directly to a juvenile in a community group home or other 309 residential care facility on a regular basis and will be with a juvenile in the performance of his duties, 310 pursuant to § 63.2-1726.

311 D. The Board shall promulgate regulations for licensure or certification of community group homes 312 or other residential care facilities that contract with or are rented for the care of juveniles in direct state 313 care pursuant to subsection B.

314 The Board's regulations shall address the services required to be provided in such facilities as it may 315 deem appropriate to ensure the welfare and safety of the juveniles. In addition, the Board's regulations 316 shall include, but need not be limited to (i) specifications for the structure and accommodations of such facilities according to the needs of the juveniles to be placed in the home or facility; (ii) rules 317 318 concerning allowable activities, local government- and group home- or residential care facility-imposed curfews, and study, recreational, and bedtime hours; and (iii) a requirement that each home or facility 319 320 have a community liaison who shall be responsible for facilitating cooperative relationships with the 321 neighbors, the school system, local law enforcement, local government officials, and the community at 322 large.

323 E. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection F and in addition to any other legally authorized 324 disciplinary actions, the Director may issue a summary order of suspension of the license or certificate 325 of any group home or residential facility so regulated by the Department, in conjunction with any 326 proceeding for revocation, denial, or other action, when conditions or practices exist in the home or 327 facility that pose an immediate and substantial threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the juveniles 328 who are residents and the Director believes the operation of the home or facility should be suspended 329 during the pendency of such proceeding.

330 F. The summary order of suspension shall take effect upon its issuance and shall be served on the 331 licensee or certificate holder or its designee as soon as practicable thereafter by personal service and 332 certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of record of the licensee or certificate holder. The 333 order shall state the time, date, and location of a hearing to determine whether the suspension is 334 appropriate. Such hearing shall be held no later than three business days after the issuance of the 335 summary order of suspension and shall be convened by the Director or his designee.

336 After such hearing, the Director may issue a final order of summary suspension or may find that 337 such summary suspension is not warranted by the facts and circumstances presented. A final order of 338 summary suspension shall include notice that the licensee or certificate holder may appeal the Director's 339 decision to the appropriate circuit court no later than 10 days following issuance of the order. The sole 340 issue before the court shall be whether the Director had reasonable grounds to require the licensee to 341 cease operations during the pendency of the concurrent revocation, denial, or other proceeding. The 342 concurrent revocation, denial, or other proceeding shall not be affected by the outcome of any hearing 343 on the appropriateness of the summary suspension.

344 The willful and material failure to comply with the summary order of suspension or final order of 345 summary suspension shall be punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor. The Director may require the 346 cooperation of any other agency or subdivision of the Commonwealth in the relocation of the juveniles 347 who are residents of a home or facility whose license or certificate has been summarily suspended 348 pursuant to this section and in any other actions necessary to reduce the risk of further harm to such 349 residents.

350 G. In addition to the requirements set forth above, the Board's regulations shall require, as a 351 condition of initial licensure or, if appropriate, license renewal, that the applicant shall: (i) be personally 352 interviewed by Department personnel to determine the qualifications of the owner or operator before granting an initial license; (ii) provide evidence of having relevant prior experience before any initial 353 354 license is granted; (iii) provide, as a condition of initial license or renewal licensure, evidence of staff 355 participation in training on appropriate siting of the residential facilities for children, good neighbor 356 policies, and community relations; and (iv) be required to screen residents prior to admission to exclude 357 individuals with behavioral issues, such as histories of violence, that cannot be managed in the relevant 358 residential facility. 359

H. In addition, the Department shall:

360 1. Notify relevant local governments and placing and funding agencies, including the Office of 361 Comprehensive Services, of multiple health and safety or human rights violations in residential facilities for which the Department serves as lead agency licensed by the Department when such violations result 362 363 in the lowering of the licensure or certification status of the facility to provisional;

2. Post on the Department's website information concerning the application for initial licensure or 364 certification of or renewal, denial, or provisional licensure or certification of any residential facility for 365 children located in the locality; 366

367 3. Require all licensees or certificate holders to self-report lawsuits against or settlements with

- **368** residential facility operators relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents and any criminal charges that may have been made relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents;
- 4. Require proof of contractual agreements or staff expertise to provide educational services,
 counseling services, psychological services, medical services, or any other services needed to serve the
 residents in accordance with the facility's operational plan; and
- 5. Modify the term of the license or certificate at any time during the term of the license or certificate based on a change in compliance-; and
- 375 6. Disseminate to local governments, or post on the Department's website, an accurate (updated
 376 weekly or monthly as necessary) list of licensed and operating group homes and other residential
 377 facilities for children by locality with information on services and identification of the lead licensure
 378 agency.
- 379 2. That the Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the
 380 Board of Social Services, and the Board of Juvenile Justice shall promulgate regulations to
 381 implement the provisions of this act no later than October 31, 2009.
- 382 3. That the Standards for Interdepartmental Regulation of Children's Residential Facilities (22 383 VAC 42-11-10 et seq.) shall remain in full force and effect until such time as each Board required 384 to promulgate regulations pursuant to this act promulgates such regulations as required by this 385 act. Upon promulgation of regulations by a Board as required by this act, the Standards for 386 Interdepartmental Regulation of Children's Residential Facilities shall cease to apply to facilities
- 387 licensed and regulated by that Board.