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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-212, 2.2-2101, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, 2.2-2648, 2.2-2649, 2.2-4345, 2.2-5200, 2.2-5201, 2.2-5206, 2.2-5208, 2.2-5210, 2.2-5211.1, 2.2-5213, 2.2-5214, 16.1-286, 37.2-408, 63.2-226, 63.2-410, 63.2-1737, and 66-24 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families; name change.

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Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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§ 2.2-212. Position established; agencies for which responsible; additional powers.

The position of Secretary of Health and Human Resources (the Secretary) is created. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall be responsible to the Governor for the following agencies: Department of Health, Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, Department of Health Professions, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the Office of Comprehensive Children's Services for Youth and At-Risk Youth and Families, and the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority. The Governor may, by executive order, assign any other state executive agency to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, or reassign any agency listed above to another Secretary.

Unless the Governor expressly reserves such power to himself, the Secretary shall (i) serve as the lead Secretary for the coordination and implementation of the long-term care policies of the Commonwealth and for the blueprint for livable communities 2025 throughout the Commonwealth, working with the Secretaries of Transportation, Commerce and Trade, and Education, and the Commissioner of Insurance, to facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication and cooperation, (ii) serve as the lead Secretary for the Comprehensive Children's Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families, working with the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication and cooperation, and (iii) coordinate the disease prevention activities of agencies in the Secretariat to ensure efficient, effective delivery of health related services and financing.

§ 2.2-2101. (Effective until July 1, 2017) Prohibition against service by legislators on boards, commissions, and councils within the executive branch; exceptions.

Members of the General Assembly shall be ineligible to serve on boards, commissions, and councils within the executive branch of state government who are responsible for administering programs established by the General Assembly. Such prohibition shall not extend to boards, commissions, and councils engaged solely in policy studies or commemorative activities. If any law directs the appointment of any member of the General Assembly to a board, commission, or council in the executive branch of state government that is responsible for administering programs established by the General Assembly, such portion of such law shall be void, and the Governor shall appoint another person from the Commonwealth at large to fill such a position.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to members of the Board for Branch Pilots, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 54.1-901; to members of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 23-231.3; to members of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 23-231.25; to members of the Board of Directors of the New College Institute who shall be appointed as provided for in § 23-231.31; to members of the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.2-5204; to members of the Board of Veterans Services, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.2-2452; to members appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Roanoke Higher Education Authority pursuant to § 23-231.15; to members of the Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.2-2423; to members of the Standards of Learning Innovation Committee, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 22.1-253.13:10; to members of the Opportunity Educational Institution Board, who

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 62 members of the Criminal Justice Services Board, who shall be appointed as provided in § 9.1-108; to
 63 members of the Council on Virginia's Future, who shall be appointed as provided for in § 2.2-2685; to
 64 members of the State Executive Council for ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and~~
 65 ~~Families~~, who shall be appointed as provided in § 2.2-2648; to members of the Virginia Board of
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 68 as provided for in § 51.1-1201; to members of the Secure Commonwealth Panel, who shall be appointed
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106 **§ 2.2-2648. State Executive Council for Children's Services; membership; meetings; powers and**
 107 **duties.**

108 A. The State Executive Council for ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and~~
 109 ~~Families~~ (the Council) is established as a supervisory council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the
 110 executive branch of state government.

111 B. The Council shall consist of one member of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the
 112 Speaker of the House and one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on
 113 Rules; the Commissioners of Health, of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and of Social
 114 Services; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme
 115 Court; the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Director of the Department of Medical
 116 Assistance Services; a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge, to be appointed by the
 117 Governor and serve as an ex officio nonvoting member; five local government representatives chosen
 118 from members of a county board of supervisors or a city council and a county administrator or city
 119 manager, to be appointed by the Governor; two private provider representatives from facilities that
 120 maintain membership in an association of providers for children's or family services and receives

121 funding as authorized by the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.), to be
 122 appointed by the Governor, who may appoint from nominees recommended by the Virginia Coalition of
 123 Private Provider Associations; and two parent representatives. The parent representatives shall be
 124 appointed by the Governor for a term not to exceed three years and neither shall be an employee of any
 125 public or private program that serves children and families. The Governor's appointments shall be for a
 126 term not to exceed three years and shall be limited to no more than two consecutive terms, beginning
 127 with appointments after July 1, 2009. Legislative members and ex officio members of the Council shall
 128 serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by
 129 expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
 130 the original appointments. Legislative members shall not be included for the purposes of constituting a
 131 quorum.

132 C. The Council shall be chaired by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources or a designated
 133 deputy who shall be responsible for convening the council. The Council shall meet, at a minimum,
 134 quarterly, to oversee the administration of this article and make such decisions as may be necessary to
 135 carry out its purposes. Legislative members shall receive compensation as provided in § 30-19.12 and
 136 nonlegislative citizen members shall receive compensation for their services as provided in §§ 2.2-2813
 137 and 2.2-2825.

138 D. The Council shall have the following powers and duties:

139 1. Hire and supervise a director of the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk~~
 140 ~~Youth and Families~~;

141 2. Appoint the members of the state and local advisory team in accordance with the requirements of
 142 § 2.2-5201;

143 3. Provide for the establishment of interagency programmatic and fiscal policies developed by the
 144 Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~, which support the
 145 purposes of the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.), through the promulgation
 146 of regulations by the participating state boards or by administrative action, as appropriate;

147 4. Provide for a public participation process for programmatic and fiscal guidelines and dispute
 148 resolution procedures developed for administrative actions that support the purposes of the
 149 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.). The public participation process shall
 150 include, at a minimum, 60 days of public comment and the distribution of these guidelines and
 151 procedures to all interested parties;

152 5. Oversee the administration of and consult with the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia
 153 Association of Counties about state policies governing the use, distribution and monitoring of moneys in
 154 the state pool of funds and the state trust fund;

155 6. Provide for the administration of necessary functions that support the work of the Office of
 156 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~;

157 7. Review and take appropriate action on issues brought before it by the Office of ~~Comprehensive~~
 158 ~~Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~, Community Policy and Management Teams
 159 (CPMTs), local governments, providers and parents;

160 8. Advise the Governor and appropriate Cabinet Secretaries on proposed policy and operational
 161 changes that facilitate interagency service development and implementation, communication and
 162 cooperation;

163 9. Provide administrative support and fiscal incentives for the establishment and operation of local
 164 comprehensive service systems;

165 10. Oversee coordination of early intervention programs to promote comprehensive, coordinated
 166 service delivery, local interagency program management, and co-location of programs and services in
 167 communities. Early intervention programs include state programs under the administrative control of the
 168 state executive council member agencies;

169 11. Oversee the development and implementation of a mandatory uniform assessment instrument and
 170 process to be used by all localities to identify levels of risk of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~
 171 (CSA) youth;

172 12. Oversee the development and implementation of uniform guidelines to include initial intake and
 173 screening assessment, development and implementation of a plan of care, service monitoring and
 174 periodic follow-up, and the formal review of the status of the youth and the family;

175 13. Oversee the development and implementation of uniform guidelines for documentation for
 176 CSA-funded services;

177 14. Review and approve a request by a CPMT to establish a collaborative, multidisciplinary team
 178 process for referral and reviews of children and families pursuant to § 2.2-5209;

179 15. Oversee the development and implementation of mandatory uniform guidelines for utilization
 180 management; each locality receiving funds for activities under the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services~~
 181 Act shall have a locally determined utilization management plan following the guidelines or use of a

182 process approved by the Council for utilization management, covering all CSA-funded services;

183 16. Oversee the development and implementation of uniform data collection standards and the
184 collection of data, utilizing a secure electronic client-specific database for CSA-funded services, which
185 shall include, but not be limited to, the following client specific information: (i) children served,
186 including those placed out of state; (ii) individual characteristics of youths and families being served;
187 (iii) types of services provided; (iv) service utilization including length of stay; (v) service expenditures;
188 (vi) provider identification number for specific facilities and programs identified by the state in which
189 the child receives services; (vii) a data field indicating the circumstances under which the child ends
190 each service; and (viii) a data field indicating the circumstances under which the child exits the
191 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ program. All client-specific information shall remain confidential
192 and only non-identifying aggregate demographic, service, and expenditure information shall be made
193 available to the public;

194 17. Oversee the development and implementation of a uniform set of performance measures for
195 evaluating the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ program, including, but not limited to, the
196 number of youths served in their homes, schools and communities. Performance measures shall be based
197 on information: (i) collected in the client-specific database referenced in subdivision 16, (ii) from the
198 mandatory uniform assessment instrument referenced in subdivision 11, and (iii) from available and
199 appropriate client outcome data that is not prohibited from being shared under federal law and is
200 routinely collected by the state child-serving agencies that serve on the Council. If provided
201 client-specific information, state child serving agencies shall report available and appropriate outcome
202 data in clause (iii) to the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~.
203 Outcome data submitted to the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and~~
204 ~~Families~~ shall be used solely for the administration of the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~
205 program. Applicable client outcome data shall include, but not be limited to: (a) permanency outcomes
206 by the Virginia Department of Social Services, (b) recidivism outcomes by the Virginia Department of
207 Juvenile Justice, and (c) educational outcomes by the Virginia Department of Education. All
208 client-specific information shall remain confidential and only non-identifying aggregate outcome
209 information shall be made available to the public;

210 18. Oversee the development and distribution of management reports that provide information to the
211 public and CPMTs to help evaluate child and family outcomes and public and private provider
212 performance in the provision of services to children and families through the ~~Comprehensive Children's~~
213 ~~Services Act~~ program. Management reports shall include total expenditures on children served through
214 the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ program as reported to the Office of ~~Comprehensive~~
215 ~~Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ by state child-serving agencies on the Council and
216 shall include, but not be limited to: (i) client-specific payments for inpatient and outpatient mental health
217 services, treatment foster care services and residential services made through the Medicaid program and
218 reported by the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services and (ii) client-specific payments
219 made through the Title IV-E foster care program reported by the Virginia Department of Social
220 Services. The Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services~~ shall provide client-specific information to
221 the state agencies for the sole purpose of the administration of the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services~~
222 Act program. All client-specific information shall remain confidential and only non-identifying aggregate
223 demographic, service, expenditure, and outcome information shall be made available to the public;

224 19. Establish and oversee the operation of an informal review and negotiation process with the
225 Director of the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services~~ and a formal dispute resolution procedure
226 before the State Executive Council, which include formal notice and an appeals process, should the
227 Director or Council find, upon a formal written finding, that a CPMT failed to comply with any
228 provision of this Act. "Formal notice" means the Director or Council provides a letter of notification,
229 which communicates the Director's or the Council's finding, explains the effect of the finding, and
230 describes the appeal process, to the chief administrative officer of the local government with a copy to
231 the chair of the CPMT. The dispute resolution procedure shall also include provisions for remediation by
232 the CPMT that shall include a plan of correction recommended by the Council and submitted to the
233 CPMT. If the Council denies reimbursement from the state pool of funds, the Council and the locality
234 shall develop a plan of repayment;

235 20. Deny state funding to a locality, in accordance with subdivision 19, where the CPMT fails to
236 provide services that comply with the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.), any
237 other state law or policy, or any federal law pertaining to the provision of any service funded in
238 accordance with § 2.2-5211;

239 21. Biennially publish and disseminate to members of the General Assembly and community policy
240 and management teams a state progress report on comprehensive services to children, youth and families
241 and a plan for such services for the next succeeding biennium. The state plan shall:

242 a. Provide a fiscal profile of current and previous years' federal and state expenditures for a
243 comprehensive service system for children, youth and families;

- 244 b. Incorporate information and recommendations from local comprehensive service systems with
 245 responsibility for planning and delivering services to children, youth and families;
- 246 c. Identify and establish goals for comprehensive services and the estimated costs of implementing
 247 these goals, report progress toward previously identified goals and establish priorities for the coming
 248 biennium;
- 249 d. Report and analyze expenditures associated with children who do not receive pool funding and
 250 have emotional and behavioral problems;
- 251 e. Identify funding streams used to purchase services in addition to pooled, Medicaid, and Title IV-E
 252 funding; and
- 253 f. Include such other information or recommendations as may be necessary and appropriate for the
 254 improvement and coordinated development of the state's comprehensive services system; and
- 255 22. Oversee the development and implementation of mandatory uniform guidelines for intensive care
 256 coordination services for children who are at risk of entering, or are placed in, residential care through
 257 the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ program. The guidelines shall: (i) take into account
 258 differences among localities, (ii) specify children and circumstances appropriate for intensive care
 259 coordination services, (iii) define intensive care coordination services, and (iv) distinguish intensive care
 260 coordination services from the regular case management services provided within the normal scope of
 261 responsibility for the child-serving agencies, including the community services board, the local school
 262 division, local social services agency, court service unit, and Department of Juvenile Justice. Such
 263 guidelines shall address: (a) identifying the strengths and needs of the child and his family through
 264 conducting or reviewing comprehensive assessments including, but not limited to, information gathered
 265 through the mandatory uniform assessment instrument; (b) identifying specific services and supports
 266 necessary to meet the identified needs of the child and his family, building upon the identified strengths;
 267 (c) implementing a plan for returning the youth to his home, relative's home, family-like setting, or
 268 community at the earliest appropriate time that addresses his needs, including identification of public or
 269 private community-based services to support the youth and his family during transition to
 270 community-based care; and (d) implementing a plan for regular monitoring and utilization review of the
 271 services and residential placement for the child to determine whether the services and placement
 272 continue to provide the most appropriate and effective services for the child and his family.
- 273 **§ 2.2-2649. Office of Children's Services established; powers and duties.**
- 274 A. The Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ is hereby
 275 established to serve as the administrative entity of the Council and to ensure that the decisions of the
 276 council are implemented. The director shall be hired by and subject to the direction and supervision of
 277 the Council pursuant to § 2.2-2648.
- 278 B. The director of the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~
 279 shall:
- 280 1. Develop and recommend to the state executive council programs and fiscal policies that promote
 281 and support cooperation and collaboration in the provision of services to troubled and at-risk youths and
 282 their families at the state and local levels;
 - 283 2. Develop and recommend to the Council state interagency policies governing the use, distribution
 284 and monitoring of moneys in the state pool of funds and the state trust fund;
 - 285 3. Develop and provide for the consistent oversight for program administration and compliance with
 286 state policies and procedures;
 - 287 4. Provide for training and technical assistance to localities in the provision of efficient and effective
 288 services that are responsive to the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families;
 - 289 5. Serve as liaison to the participating state agencies that administratively support the Office and that
 290 provide other necessary services;
 - 291 6. Provide an informal review and negotiation process pursuant to subdivision D 19 of § 2.2-2648;
 - 292 7. Implement, in collaboration with participating state agencies, policies, guidelines and procedures
 293 adopted by the State Executive Council;
 - 294 8. Consult regularly with the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Coalition of Private Provider
 295 Associations, and the Virginia Association of Counties about implementation and operation of the
 296 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.);
 - 297 9. Hire appropriate staff as approved by the Council;
 - 298 10. Identify, disseminate, and provide annual training for CSA staff and other interested parties on
 299 best practices and evidence-based practices related to the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~
 300 Program;
 - 301 11. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the State Executive Council;
 - 302 12. Develop and implement uniform data collection standards and collect data, utilizing a secure
 303 electronic database for CSA-funded services, in accordance with subdivision D 16 of § 2.2-2648;
 - 304 13. Develop and implement a uniform set of performance measures for the ~~Comprehensive Children's~~

305 Services Act program in accordance with subdivision D 17 of § 2.2-2648;

306 14. Develop, implement, and distribute management reports in accordance with subdivision D 18 of
307 § 2.2-2648;

308 15. Report to the Council all expenditures associated with serving children who receive pool-funded
309 services. The report shall include expenditures for (i) all services purchased with pool funding; (ii)
310 treatment, foster care case management, community-based mental health services, and residential care
311 funded by Medicaid; and (iii) child-specific payments made through the Title IV-E program;

312 16. Report to the Council on the nature and cost of all services provided to the population of at-risk
313 and troubled children identified by the State Executive Council as within the scope of the CSA program;

314 17. Develop and distribute model job descriptions for the position of ~~Comprehensive Children's~~
315 Services Act Coordinator and provide technical assistance to localities and their coordinators to help
316 them to guide localities in prioritizing coordinator's responsibilities toward activities to maximize
317 program effectiveness and minimize spending; and

318 18. Develop and distribute guidelines, approved by the State Executive Council, regarding the
319 development and use of multidisciplinary teams, in order to encourage utilization of multidisciplinary
320 teams in service planning and to reduce Family Assessment and Planning Team caseloads to allow
321 Family Assessment and Planning Teams to devote additional time to more complex and potentially
322 costly cases.

323 C. The director of the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's~~ Services, in order to provide support and
324 assistance to the ~~Comprehensive Children's~~ Policy and Management Teams (CPMTs) and Family
325 Assessment and Planning Teams (FAPTs) established pursuant to the ~~Comprehensive Children's~~ Services
326 Act for At-Risk Youth and Families (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.), shall:

327 1. Develop and maintain a web-based statewide automated database, with support from the
328 Department of Information Technology or its successor agency, of the authorized vendors of the
329 ~~Comprehensive Children's~~ Services Act (CSA) services to include verification of a vendor's licensure
330 status, a listing of each discrete CSA service offered by the vendor, and the discrete CSA service's rate
331 determined in accordance with § 2.2-5214; and

332 2. Develop, in consultation with the Department of General Services, CPMTs, and vendors, a
333 standardized purchase of services contract, which in addition to general contract provisions when
334 utilizing state pool funds will enable localities to specify the discrete service or services they are
335 purchasing for the specified client, the required reporting of the client's service data, including types and
336 numbers of disabilities, mental health and intellectual disability diagnoses, or delinquent behaviors for
337 which the purchased services are intended to address, the expected outcomes resulting from these
338 services and the performance timeframes mutually agreed to when the services are purchased.

339 **§ 2.2-4345. Exemptions from competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation for certain**
340 **transactions; limitations.**

341 A. The following public bodies may enter into contracts without competitive sealed bidding or
342 competitive negotiation:

343 1. The Director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services for special services provided for
344 eligible recipients pursuant to subsection H of § 32.1-325, provided that the Director has made a
345 determination in advance after reasonable notice to the public and set forth in writing that competitive
346 sealed bidding or competitive negotiation for such services is not fiscally advantageous to the public, or
347 would constitute an imminent threat to the health or welfare of such recipients. The writing shall
348 document the basis for this determination.

349 2. The State Health Commissioner for the compilation, storage, analysis, evaluation, and publication
350 of certain data submitted by health care providers and for the development of a methodology to measure
351 the efficiency and productivity of health care providers pursuant to Chapter 7.2 (§ 32.1-276.2 et seq.) of
352 Title 32.1, if the Commissioner has made a determination in advance, after reasonable notice to the
353 public and set forth in writing, that competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation for such
354 services is not fiscally advantageous to the public. The writing shall document the basis for this
355 determination. Such agreements and contracts shall be based on competitive principles.

356 3. The Virginia Code Commission when procuring the services of a publisher, pursuant to §§ 30-146
357 and 30-148, to publish the Code of Virginia or the Virginia Administrative Code.

358 4. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

359 5. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, for the administration of elder rights
360 programs, with (i) nonprofit Virginia corporations granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the
361 Internal Revenue Code with statewide experience in Virginia in conducting a state long-term care
362 ombudsman program or (ii) designated area agencies on aging.

363 6. The Department of Health for (a) child restraint devices, pursuant to § 46.2-1097; (b) health care
364 services with Virginia corporations granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
365 Code and operating as clinics for the indigent and uninsured that are organized for the delivery of
366 primary health care services in a community (i) as federally qualified health centers designated by the

367 Health Care Financing Administration or (ii) at a reduced or sliding fee scale or without charge; or (c)
 368 contracts with laboratories providing cytology and related services if competitive sealed bidding and
 369 competitive negotiations are not fiscally advantageous to the public to provide quality control as
 370 prescribed in writing by the Commissioner of Health.

371 7. Virginia Correctional Enterprises, when procuring materials, supplies, or services for use in and
 372 support of its production facilities, provided the procurement is accomplished using procedures that
 373 ensure as efficient use of funds as practicable and, at a minimum, includes obtaining telephone
 374 quotations. Such procedures shall require documentation of the basis for awarding contracts under this
 375 section.

376 8. The Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority for the operation of any facilities developed under the
 377 provisions of Chapter 58 (§ 15.2-5800 et seq.) of Title 15.2, including contracts or agreements with
 378 respect to the sale of food, beverages and souvenirs at such facilities.

379 9. With the consent of the Governor, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation for the promotion of
 380 tourism through marketing with private entities provided a demonstrable cost savings, as reviewed by
 381 the Secretary of Education, can be realized by the Foundation and such agreements or contracts are
 382 based on competitive principles.

383 10. The Chesapeake Hospital Authority in the exercise of any power conferred under Chapter 271, as
 384 amended, of the Acts of Assembly of 1966, provided that it does not discriminate against any person on
 385 the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions,
 386 age, marital status, or disability in the procurement of goods and services.

387 11. Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital Authority, any authorities created under Chapter 53 (§ 15.2-5300
 388 et seq.) of Title 15.2 and any hospital or health center commission created under Chapter 52
 389 (§ 15.2-5200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 in the exercise of any power conferred under their respective
 390 authorizing legislation, provided that these entities shall not discriminate against any person on the basis
 391 of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age,
 392 marital status, or disability in the procurement of goods and services.

393 12. The Patrick Hospital Authority sealed in the exercise of any power conferred under the Acts of
 394 Assembly of 2000, provided that it does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color,
 395 religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, or
 396 disability in the procurement of goods and services.

397 13. Public bodies for insurance or electric utility services if purchased through an association of
 398 which it is a member if the association was formed and is maintained for the purpose of promoting the
 399 interest and welfare of and developing close relationships with similar public bodies, provided such
 400 association has procured the insurance or electric utility services by use of competitive principles and
 401 provided that the public body has made a determination in advance after reasonable notice to the public
 402 and set forth in writing that competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation are not fiscally
 403 advantageous to the public. The writing shall document the basis for this determination.

404 14. Public bodies administering public assistance and social services programs as defined in
 405 § 63.2-100, community services boards as defined in § 37.2-100, or any public body purchasing
 406 services under the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ (§ 2.2-5200
 407 et seq.) or the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (§ 16.1-309.2 et seq.) for goods or
 408 personal services for direct use by the recipients of such programs if the procurement is made for an
 409 individual recipient. Contracts for the bulk procurement of goods or services for the use of recipients
 410 shall not be exempted from the requirements of § 2.2-4303.

411 15. The Eastern Virginia Medical School in the exercise of any power conferred pursuant to Chapter
 412 471, as amended, of the Acts of Assembly of 1964.

413 B. No contract for the construction of any building or for an addition to or improvement of an
 414 existing building by any local government or subdivision of local government for which state funds of
 415 not more than \$50,000 in the aggregate or for the sum of all phases of a contract or project either by
 416 appropriation, grant-in-aid or loan, are used or are to be used for all or part of the cost of construction
 417 shall be let except after competitive sealed bidding or after competitive negotiation as provided under of
 418 subsection D of § 2.2-4303. The procedure for the advertising for bids or for proposals and for letting
 419 of the contract shall conform, mutatis mutandis, to this chapter.

420 **§ 2.2-5200. Intent and purpose; definitions.**

421 A. It is the intention of this law to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is
 422 child-centered, family-focused and community-based when addressing the strengths and needs of
 423 troubled and at-risk youths and their families in the Commonwealth.

424 This law shall be interpreted and construed so as to effectuate the following purposes:

425 1. Ensure that services and funding are consistent with the Commonwealth's policies of preserving
 426 families and providing appropriate services in the least restrictive environment, while protecting the
 427 welfare of children and maintaining the safety of the public;

428 2. Identify and intervene early with young children and their families who are at risk of developing
429 emotional or behavioral problems, or both, due to environmental, physical or psychological stress;

430 3. Design and provide services that are responsive to the unique and diverse strengths and needs of
431 troubled youths and families;

432 4. Increase interagency collaboration and family involvement in service delivery and management;

433 5. Encourage a public and private partnership in the delivery of services to troubled and at-risk
434 youths and their families; and

435 6. Provide communities flexibility in the use of funds and to authorize communities to make
436 decisions and be accountable for providing services in concert with these purposes.

437 B. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

438 "CSA" means the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~.

439 "Council" means the State Executive Council for ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk~~
440 ~~Youth and Families~~ created pursuant to § 2.2-2648.

441 **§ 2.2-5201. State and local advisory team; appointment; membership.**

442 The state and local advisory team is established to better serve the needs of troubled and at-risk
443 youths and their families by advising the Council by managing cooperative efforts at the state level and
444 providing support to community efforts. The team shall be appointed by and be responsible to the
445 Council. The team shall include one representative from each of the following state agencies: the
446 Department of Health, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Social Services, Department of
447 Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, and the
448 Department of Education. The team shall also include a parent representative who is not an employee of
449 any public or private program which serves children and families; a representative of a private
450 organization or association of providers for children's or family services; a local ~~Comprehensive~~
451 ~~Children's Services Act~~ coordinator or program manager; a juvenile and domestic relations district court
452 judge; and one member from each of five different geographical areas of the Commonwealth and who
453 serves on and is representative of the different participants of community policy and management teams.
454 The nonstate agency members shall serve staggered terms of not more than three years, such terms to be
455 determined by the Council.

456 The team shall annually elect a chairman from among the local government representatives who shall
457 be responsible for convening the team. The team shall develop and adopt bylaws to govern its
458 operations that shall be subject to approval by the Council. Any person serving on such team who does
459 not represent a public agency shall file a statement of economic interests as set out in § 2.2-3117 of the
460 State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.). Persons representing public
461 agencies shall file such statements if required to do so pursuant to the State and Local Government
462 Conflict of Interests Act.

463 **§ 2.2-5206. Community policy and management teams; powers and duties.**

464 The community policy and management team shall manage the cooperative effort in each community
465 to better serve the needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families and to maximize the use of
466 state and community resources. Every such team shall:

467 1. Develop interagency policies and procedures to govern the provision of services to children and
468 families in its community;

469 2. Develop interagency fiscal policies governing access to the state pool of funds by the eligible
470 populations including immediate access to funds for emergency services and shelter care;

471 3. Establish policies to assess the ability of parents or legal guardians to contribute financially to the
472 cost of services to be provided and, when not specifically prohibited by federal or state law or
473 regulation, provide for appropriate parental or legal guardian financial contribution, utilizing a standard
474 sliding fee scale based upon ability to pay;

475 4. Coordinate long-range, community-wide planning that ensures the development of resources and
476 services needed by children and families in its community including consultation on the development of
477 a community-based system of services established under § 16.1-309.3;

478 5. Establish policies governing referrals and reviews of children and families to the family
479 assessment and planning teams or a collaborative, multidisciplinary team process approved by the
480 Council and a process to review the teams' recommendations and requests for funding;

481 6. Establish quality assurance and accountability procedures for program utilization and funds
482 management;

483 7. Establish procedures for obtaining bids on the development of new services;

484 8. Manage funds in the interagency budget allocated to the community from the state pool of funds,
485 the trust fund, and any other source;

486 9. Authorize and monitor the expenditure of funds by each family assessment and planning team or a
487 collaborative, multidisciplinary team process approved by the Council;

488 10. Submit grant proposals that benefit its community to the state trust fund and enter into contracts
489 for the provision or operation of services upon approval of the participating governing bodies;

490 11. Serve as its community's liaison to the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk~~
 491 ~~Youth and Families~~, reporting on its programmatic and fiscal operations and on its recommendations for
 492 improving the service system, including consideration of realignment of geographical boundaries for
 493 providing human services;

494 12. Collect and provide uniform data to the Council as requested by the Office of ~~Comprehensive~~
 495 ~~Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ in accordance with subdivision D 16 of § 2.2-2648;

496 13. Review and analyze data in management reports provided by the Office of ~~Comprehensive~~
 497 ~~Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ in accordance with subdivision D 18 of § 2.2-2648
 498 to help evaluate child and family outcomes and public and private provider performance in the provision
 499 of services to children and families through the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ program. Every
 500 team shall also review local and statewide data provided in the management reports on the number of
 501 children served, children placed out of state, demographics, types of services provided, duration of
 502 services, service expenditures, child and family outcomes, and performance measures. Additionally,
 503 teams shall track the utilization and performance of residential placements using data and management
 504 reports to develop and implement strategies for returning children placed outside of the Commonwealth,
 505 preventing placements, and reducing lengths of stay in residential programs for children who can
 506 appropriately and effectively be served in their home, relative's homes, family-like setting, or their
 507 community;

508 14. Administer funds pursuant to § 16.1-309.3;

509 15. Have authority, upon approval of the participating governing bodies, to enter into a contract with
 510 another community policy and management team to purchase coordination services provided that funds
 511 described as the state pool of funds under § 2.2-5211 are not used;

512 16. Submit to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services information on
 513 children under the age of 14 and adolescents ages 14 through 17 for whom an admission to an acute
 514 care psychiatric or residential treatment facility licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of
 515 Chapter 4 of Title 37.2, exclusive of group homes, was sought but was unable to be obtained by the
 516 reporting entities. Such information shall be gathered from the family assessment and planning team or
 517 participating community agencies authorized in § 2.2-5207. Information to be submitted shall include:

518 a. The child or adolescent's date of birth;

519 b. Date admission was attempted; and

520 c. Reason the patient could not be admitted into the hospital or facility;

521 17. Establish policies for providing intensive care coordination services for children who are at risk
 522 of entering, or are placed in, residential care through the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~
 523 program, consistent with guidelines developed pursuant to subdivision D 22 of § 2.2-2648; and

524 18. Establish policies and procedures for appeals by youth and their families of decisions made by
 525 local family assessment and planning teams regarding services to be provided to the youth and family
 526 pursuant to an individual family services plan developed by the local family assessment and planning
 527 team. Such policies and procedures shall not apply to appeals made pursuant to § 63.2-915 or in
 528 accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or federal or state laws or regulations
 529 governing the provision of medical assistance pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

530 **§ 2.2-5208. Family assessment and planning team; powers and duties.**

531 The family assessment and planning team, in accordance with § 2.2-2648, shall assess the strengths
 532 and needs of troubled youths and families who are approved for referral to the team and identify and
 533 determine the complement of services required to meet these unique needs.

534 Every such team, in accordance with policies developed by the community policy and management
 535 team, shall:

536 1. Review referrals of youths and families to the team;

537 2. Provide for family participation in all aspects of assessment, planning and implementation of
 538 services;

539 3. Provide for the participation of foster parents in the assessment, planning and implementation of
 540 services when a child has a program goal of permanent foster care or is in a long-term foster care
 541 placement. The case manager shall notify the foster parents of a troubled youth of the time and place of
 542 all assessment and planning meetings related to such youth. Such foster parents shall be given the
 543 opportunity to speak at the meeting or submit written testimony if the foster parents are unable to
 544 attend. The opinions of the foster parents shall be considered by the family assessment and planning
 545 team in its deliberations;

546 4. Develop an individual family services plan for youths and families reviewed by the team that
 547 provides for appropriate and cost-effective services;

548 5. Identify children who are at risk of entering, or are placed in, residential care through the
 549 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act~~ program who can be appropriately and effectively served in their
 550 homes, relatives' homes, family-like settings, and communities. For each child entering or in residential

551 care, in accordance with the policies of the community policy and management team developed pursuant
 552 to subdivision 17 of § 2.2-5206, the family assessment and planning team or approved alternative
 553 multidisciplinary team, in collaboration with the family, shall (i) identify the strengths and needs of the
 554 child and his family through conducting or reviewing comprehensive assessments, including but not
 555 limited to information gathered through the mandatory uniform assessment instrument, (ii) identify
 556 specific services and supports necessary to meet the identified needs of the child and his family,
 557 building upon the identified strengths, (iii) implement a plan for returning the youth to his home,
 558 relative's home, family-like setting, or community at the earliest appropriate time that addresses his
 559 needs, including identification of public or private community-based services to support the youth and
 560 his family during transition to community-based care, and (iv) provide regular monitoring and utilization
 561 review of the services and residential placement for the child to determine whether the services and
 562 placement continue to provide the most appropriate and effective services for the child and his family;

563 6. Where parental or legal guardian financial contribution is not specifically prohibited by federal or
 564 state law or regulation, or has not been ordered by the court or by the Division of Child Support
 565 Enforcement, assess the ability of parents or legal guardians, utilizing a standard sliding fee scale, based
 566 upon ability to pay, to contribute financially to the cost of services to be provided and provide for
 567 appropriate financial contribution from parents or legal guardians in the individual family services plan;

568 7. Refer the youth and family to community agencies and resources in accordance with the individual
 569 family services plan;

570 8. Recommend to the community policy and management team expenditures from the local allocation
 571 of the state pool of funds; and

572 9. Designate a person who is responsible for monitoring and reporting, as appropriate, on the
 573 progress being made in fulfilling the individual family services plan developed for each youth and
 574 family, such reports to be made to the team or the responsible local agencies.

575 **§ 2.2-5210. Information sharing; confidentiality.**

576 All public agencies that have served a family or treated a child referred to a family assessment and
 577 planning team shall cooperate with this team. The agency that refers a youth and family to the team
 578 shall be responsible for obtaining the consent required to share agency client information with the team.
 579 After obtaining the proper consent, all agencies shall promptly deliver, upon request and without charge,
 580 such records of services, treatment or education of the family or child as are necessary for a full and
 581 informed assessment by the team.

582 Proceedings held to consider the appropriate provision of services and funding for a particular child
 583 or family or both who have been referred to the family assessment and planning team and whose case is
 584 being assessed by this team or reviewed by the community management and planning team shall be
 585 confidential and not open to the public, unless the child and family who are the subjects of the
 586 proceeding request, in writing, that it be open. All information about specific children and families
 587 obtained by the team members in the discharge of their responsibilities to the team shall be confidential.

588 Utilizing a secure electronic database, the CPMT and the family assessment and planning team shall
 589 provide the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ with
 590 client-specific information from the mandatory uniform assessment and information in accordance with
 591 subdivision D 11 of § 2.2-2648.

592 **§ 2.2-5211.1. Certain restrictions on reimbursement and placements of children in residential**
 593 **facilities.**

594 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary or any practice or previous
 595 decision-making process of the state executive council, Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services~~,
 596 state and local advisory team, any community policy and management team, any family assessment and
 597 planning team or any other local entity placing children through the ~~Comprehensive Children's Services~~
 598 Act (CSA), the following restrictions shall control:

599 1. In the event that any group home or other residential facility in which CSA children reside has its
 600 licensure status lowered to provisional as a result of multiple health and safety or human rights
 601 violations, all children placed through CSA in such facility shall be assessed as to whether it is in the
 602 best interests of each child placed to be removed from the facility and placed in a fully licensed facility
 603 and no additional CSA placements shall be made in the provisionally licensed facility until and unless
 604 the violations and deficiencies relating to health and safety or human rights that caused the designation
 605 as provisional shall be completely remedied and full licensure status restored.

606 2. Prior to the placement of a child across jurisdictional lines, the family assessment and planning
 607 teams shall (i) explore all appropriate community services for the child, (ii) document that no
 608 appropriate placement is available in the locality, and (iii) report the rationale for the placement decision
 609 to the community policy and management team. The community policy and management team shall
 610 report annually to the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services~~ on the gaps in the services needed
 611 to keep children in the local community and any barriers to the development of those services.

612 3. Community policy and management teams, family assessment and planning teams or other local

613 entities responsible for CSA placements shall notify the receiving school division whenever a child is
614 placed across jurisdictional lines and identify any children with disabilities and foster care children to
615 facilitate compliance with expedited enrollment and special education requirements.

616 **§ 2.2-5213. State trust fund.**

617 A. There is established a state trust fund with funds appropriated by the General Assembly. The
618 purposes of this fund are to develop:

619 1. Early intervention services for young children and their families, which are defined to include:
620 prevention efforts for individuals who are at-risk for developing problems based on biological,
621 psychological or social/environmental factors.

622 2. Community services for troubled youths who have emotional or behavior problems, or both, and
623 who can appropriately and effectively be served in the home or community, or both, and their families.

624 The fund shall consist of moneys from the state general fund, federal grants, and private foundations.

625 B. Proposals for requesting these funds shall be made by community policy and management teams
626 to the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~. The Office of
627 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ shall make recommendations on the
628 proposals it receives to the Council, which shall award the grants to the community teams in accordance
629 with the policies developed under the authority of § 2.2-5202.

630 **§ 2.2-5214. Rates for purchase of services; service fee directory.**

631 The rates paid for services purchased pursuant to this chapter shall be determined by competition of
632 the market place and by a process sufficiently flexible to ensure that family assessment and planning
633 teams and providers can meet the needs of individual children and families referred to them. To ensure
634 that family assessment and planning teams are informed about the availability of programs and the rates
635 charged for such programs, the Council shall oversee the development of and approve a service fee
636 directory that shall list the services offered and the rates charged by any entity, public or private, which
637 offers specialized services for at-risk youth or families. The Council shall designate the Office of
638 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ to coordinate the establishment,
639 maintenance and other activities regarding the service fee directory.

640 **§ 16.1-286. Cost of maintenance; approval of placement; semiannual review.**

641 A. When the court determines that the behavior of a child within its jurisdiction is such that it cannot
642 be dealt with in the child's own locality or with the resources of his locality, the judge shall refer the
643 child to the locality's family assessment and planning team for assessment and a recommendation for
644 services. Based on this recommendation, the court may take custody and place the child, pursuant to the
645 provisions of subdivision 5 of § 16.1-278.4 or subdivision A 13 b of § 16.1-278.8, in a private or
646 locally operated public facility, or nonresidential program with funding in accordance with the
647 ~~Comprehensive Children's Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families~~ (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.). No child
648 shall be placed outside the Commonwealth by a court without first complying with the appropriate
649 provisions of Chapter 11 (§ 63.2-1100 et seq.) of Title 63.2 or with regulations of the State Board of
650 Social Services relating to resident children placed out of the Commonwealth.

651 The Board shall establish a per diem allowance to cover the cost of such placements. This allowance
652 may be drawn from funds allocated through the state pool of funds to the community policy and
653 management team of the locality where the child resides as such residence is determined by the court.
654 The cost, however, shall not exceed that amount which would be incurred if the services required by the
655 child were provided in a juvenile facility operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice. However,
656 when the court determines after an investigation and a hearing that the child's parent or other person
657 legally obligated to provide support is financially able to contribute to support of the child, the court
658 may order that the parent or other legally obligated person pay, pursuant to § 16.1-290. If the parent or
659 other obligated person willfully fails or refuses to pay such sum, the court may proceed against him for
660 contempt. Alternatively, the court, after reasonable notice to the obligor, may enter an order adjudicating
661 that the obligor is delinquent and such order shall have the effect of a civil judgment when duly
662 docketed in the manner prescribed for the docketing of other judgments for money provided.

663 B. The court service unit of the locality which made the placement shall be responsible for
664 monitoring and supervising all children placed pursuant to this section. The court shall receive and
665 review, at least semiannually, recommendations concerning the continued care of each child in such
666 placements.

667 **§ 37.2-408. Regulation of services delivered in group homes and residential facilities for
668 children.**

669 A. The Department shall assist and cooperate with other state departments in fulfilling their
670 respective licensing and certification responsibilities. The Board shall adopt regulations that shall allow
671 the Department to so assist and cooperate with other state departments. The Board may adopt
672 regulations to enhance cooperation and assistance among agencies licensing similar programs.

673 B. The Board's regulations shall establish the Department as the single licensing agency, with the

674 exception of educational programs licensed by the Department of Education, for group homes or
675 residential facilities providing mental health, developmental, brain injury, or substance abuse services
676 other than facilities operated or regulated by the Department of Juvenile Justice. Such regulations shall
677 address the services required to be provided in group homes and residential facilities for children as it
678 may deem appropriate to ensure the health and safety of the children. In addition, the Board's
679 regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to (i) specifications for the structure and
680 accommodations of such homes and facilities according to the needs of the children to be placed; (ii)
681 rules concerning allowable activities, local government- and home- or facility-imposed curfews, and
682 study, recreational, and bedtime hours; and (iii) a requirement that each facility have a community
683 liaison who shall be responsible for facilitating cooperative relationships with the neighbors, the school
684 system, local law enforcement, local government officials, and the community at large.

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

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

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

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

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

719 F. In addition, the Department shall:

720 1. Notify relevant local governments and placing and funding agencies, including the Office of
721 ~~Comprehensive Children's~~ Services, of multiple health and safety or human rights violations in
722 residential facilities for which the Department serves as lead licensure agency when such violations
723 result in the lowering of the licensure status of the facility to provisional;

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

726 3. Require all licensees to self-report lawsuits against or settlements with residential facility operators
727 relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents and any criminal charges that may have
728 been made relating to the health and safety or human rights of children receiving services;

729 4. Require proof of contractual agreements or staff expertise to provide educational services,
730 counseling services, psychological services, medical services, or any other services needed to serve the
731 children receiving services in accordance with the facility's operational plan;

732 5. Modify the term of the license at any time during the term of the license based on a change in
733 compliance; and

734 6. Disseminate to local governments, or post on the Department's website, an accurate (updated
735 weekly or monthly as necessary) list of licensed and operating group homes and other residential

736 facilities for children by locality with information on services and identification of the lead licensure
737 agency.

738 **§ 63.2-226. Duties of Department.**

739 The Department shall assume administrative responsibilities for the statewide system. In this capacity,
740 the Department shall establish an office to:

- 741 1. Develop a plan for the design and implementation of a statewide human services information and
- 742 referral program;
- 743 2. Coordinate and supervise the implementation and operation of the information and referral
- 744 program;
- 745 3. Coordinate funding for the system;
- 746 4. Select regional providers of information and referral services;
- 747 5. Supervise coordination of information management among information and referral regions across
- 748 the Commonwealth;
- 749 6. Encourage effective relationships between the system and state and local agencies and public and
- 750 private organizations;
- 751 7. Develop and implement a statewide publicity effort;
- 752 8. Provide training, technical assistance, research, and consultation for regional and local information
- 753 and referral centers, and to localities interested in developing information and referral services;
- 754 9. Determine a core level of services to be funded from state government resources;
- 755 10. Coordinate standardization of resource data collection, maintenance and dissemination;
- 756 11. Stimulate and encourage the availability of statewide information and referral services;
- 757 12. Develop and implement a program for monitoring and assessing the performance and success of
- 758 the information and referral program; and
- 759 13. Collect information on child-specific payments made through the Title IV-E foster care program
- 760 and submit information, when available, to the Office of ~~Comprehensive Children's Services for At-Risk~~
- 761 ~~Youth and Families.~~

762 **§ 63.2-410. State pool of funds under the Children's Services Act.**

763 The General Assembly and the governing body of each county and city shall appropriate such sum
764 or sums of money for use by the community policy and management teams through the state pool of
765 funds established in Chapter 52 (§ 2.2-5200 et seq.) of Title 2.2 as shall be sufficient to provide basic
766 foster care services for children who are identified as being at risk, as determined by policy developed
767 by the Board, or who are under the custody and control of the local board. The local governing body of
768 each county and city shall appropriate such sums of money as necessary for the purchase of such other
769 essential social services to children and adults under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Board
770 in accordance with federally reimbursed public assistance and social service programs.

771 **§ 63.2-1737. Licensure of group homes and residential facilities for children.**

772 A. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, the Department shall cooperate with other
773 state departments in fulfilling their respective licensing and certification responsibilities of children's
774 residential facilities. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing the Department as the single
775 licensing agency for the regulation of children's residential facilities, including group homes, which
776 provide social services programs, with the exception of educational programs licensed by the Department
777 of Education and facilities regulated by the Department of Juvenile Justice. Notwithstanding any other
778 provisions of this chapter, licenses issued to children's residential facilities may be issued for periods of
779 up to 36 successive months.

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

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

793 D. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection E and in addition to the authority for other
794 disciplinary actions provided in this title, the Commissioner may issue a summary order of suspension of
795 the license of any group home or residential facility for children, in conjunction with any proceeding for
796 revocation, denial, or other action, when conditions or practices exist in the home or facility that pose an

797 immediate and substantial threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the children who are residents and
 798 the Commissioner believes the operation of the home or facility should be suspended during the
 799 pendency of such proceeding.

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

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

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

819 F. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection B, the Board's regulations shall require, as a
 820 condition of initial licensure or, if appropriate, license renewal, that the applicant shall: (i) be personally
 821 interviewed by Department personnel to determine the qualifications of the owner or operator before
 822 granting an initial license; (ii) provide evidence of having relevant prior experience before any initial
 823 license is granted; (iii) provide, as a condition of initial license or renewal licensure, evidence of staff
 824 participation in training on appropriate siting of the residential facilities for children, good neighbor
 825 policies, community relations, and shaken baby syndrome and its effects; and (iv) be required to screen
 826 residents prior to admission to exclude individuals with behavioral issues, such as histories of violence,
 827 that cannot be managed in the relevant residential facility.

828 G. In addition, the Department shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

847 **§ 66-24. Community group homes and other residential facilities for certain juveniles; licensure;
 848 personnel; summary suspension under certain circumstances; penalty.**

849 A. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall cooperate with other state departments in fulfilling their
 850 respective licensing and certification responsibilities of children's residential facilities. The Board shall
 851 promulgate regulations that shall allow the Department to so assist and cooperate with other state
 852 departments. The Board's regulations shall establish the Department as the single licensing agency, with
 853 the exception of educational programs licensed by the Department of Education, for group homes or
 854 residential facilities providing care of juveniles in direct state care.

855 B. The Department is authorized to establish and maintain such a system of community group homes
 856 or other residential care facilities as the Department may from time to time acquire, construct, contract
 857 for or rent for the care of juveniles in direct state care, pending development of more permanent
 858 placement plans. Any community group home or other residential care facility that the Department may

859 contract for or rent for the care of juveniles in direct state care shall be licensed or certified in
860 accordance with the regulations of the Board.

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

863 C. The Department is further authorized to employ necessary personnel for community group homes
864 or other residential care facilities or to contract with private entities for their operation. The Department
865 shall conduct background checks of any individual who (i) accepts a position of employment at a
866 community group home or other residential care facility, (ii) volunteers at a community group home or
867 other residential care facility on a regular basis and will be alone with a juvenile in the performance of
868 his duties, or (iii) provides contractual services directly to a juvenile in a community group home or
869 other residential care facility on a regular basis and will be alone with a juvenile in the performance of
870 his duties, pursuant to § 63.2-1726.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

919 H. In addition, the Department shall:

- 920 1. Notify relevant local governments and placing and funding agencies, including the Office of
921 ~~Comprehensive~~ *Children's Services*, of multiple health and safety or human rights violations in
922 residential facilities licensed by the Department when such violations result in the lowering of the
923 licensure or certification status of the facility to provisional;
- 924 2. Post on the Department's website information concerning the application for initial licensure or
925 certification of or renewal, denial, or provisional licensure or certification of any residential facility for
926 children located in the locality;
- 927 3. Require all licensees or certificate holders to self-report lawsuits against or settlements with
928 residential facility operators relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents and any
929 criminal charges that may have been made relating to the health and safety or human rights of residents;
- 930 4. Require proof of contractual agreements or staff expertise to provide educational services,
931 counseling services, psychological services, medical services, or any other services needed to serve the
932 residents in accordance with the facility's operational plan;
- 933 5. Modify the term of the license or certificate at any time during the term of the license or
934 certificate based on a change in compliance; and
- 935 6. Disseminate to local governments, or post on the Department's website, an accurate (updated
936 weekly or monthly as necessary) list of licensed and operating group homes and other residential
937 facilities for children by locality with information on services and identification of the lead licensure
938 agency.