

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 20-146.13 and 20-146.14 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the*
3 *Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act; exclusive, continuing jurisdiction.*

4 [H 497]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That §§ 20-146.13 and 20-146.14 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**
8 **§ 20-146.13. Exclusive, continuing jurisdiction.**

9 A. Except as otherwise provided in § 20-146.15, a court of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth that has made a
10 child custody determination consistent with § 20-146.12 or ~~§—~~20-146.14 has exclusive, continuing
11 jurisdiction as long as the child, ~~the child's parents~~ *a parent of the child*, or any person acting as a
12 parent ~~of the child continue~~ *continues* to live in ~~this the~~ Commonwealth.

13 B. A court of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth that has made a child custody determination and does not have
14 exclusive, continuing jurisdiction under this section may modify that determination only if it has
15 jurisdiction to make an initial determination under § 20-146.12.

16 **§ 20-146.14. Jurisdiction to modify determination.**

17 Except as otherwise provided in § 20-146.15, a court of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth may not modify a
18 child custody determination made by a court of another state unless a court of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth
19 has jurisdiction to make an initial determination under subdivision A 1 or A 2 of § 20-146.12 and:

20 1. The court of the other state determines that it no longer has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction
21 under § 20-146.13 or that a court of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth would be a more convenient forum under
22 § 20-146.18; or

23 2. A court of ~~this the~~ Commonwealth or a court of the other state determines that neither *a parent of*
24 *the child, nor* the child, ~~the child's parents~~, nor any person acting as a parent *of the child* presently
25 ~~reside~~ *resides* in the other state.

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