

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 63.2-501.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to applicants for public*
3 *assistance; contact information.*

4 [S 1122]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 63.2-501.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 63.2-501.1. Application for public assistance; accurate contact information; authorized**
9 **disclosures.**

10 A. Every local department shall obtain accurate contact information from each applicant for public
11 assistance, which shall include the best available address and telephone number of the applicant. *Local*
12 *departments shall also obtain alternative contact information, such as the applicant's email address and*
13 *cell phone number, and the applicant's preferred method of contact, including direct mail, email, text*
14 *message, or phone call.*

15 B. To the extent required by federal law and regulations, recipients of public assistance shall notify
16 the local department of any change in address or telephone number within 30 days of such change, and
17 the local department shall update any records maintained by the local department to reflect the change in
18 the recipient's contact information.

19 C. Contact information received and maintained by local departments shall be confidential and shall
20 not be disclosed except as required pursuant to § 63.2-102. However, information related to any
21 application for or receipt of medical assistance services pursuant to § 32.1-325 may be disclosed for
22 purposes directly connected to administration of the state plan for medical assistance services pursuant to
23 § 1902(a)(7) of the Social Security Act.

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