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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 19.2-387, 19.2-389, 19.2-391, 53.1-136, and 53.1-165.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to juvenile offenders; parole.

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Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 19.2-387, 19.2-389, 19.2-391, 53.1-136, and 53.1-165.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 19.2-387. Exchange to operate as a division of Department of State Police; authority of Superintendent of State Police.

A. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall operate as a separate division within the Department of State Police and shall be the sole criminal ~~record-keeping~~ recordkeeping agency of the Commonwealth, except for (i) the Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Chapter 10 (§ 16.1-222 et seq.) of Title 16.1, (ii) the Department of Motor Vehicles, (iii) for purposes of the DNA data bank, the Department of Forensic Science, and (iv) for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 6 of § 53.1-136, the Virginia Parole Board.

B. The Superintendent of State Police is hereby authorized to employ such personnel, establish such offices, and acquire such equipment as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and is also authorized to enter into agreements with other state agencies for services to be performed for it by employees of such other agencies.

§ 19.2-389. Dissemination of criminal history record information.

A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through an intermediary, only to:

1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 6 of § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days. For purposes of this subdivision, criminal history record information includes information sent to the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to §§ 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014 when disseminated to any full-time or part-time employee of the State Police, a police department or sheriff's office that is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the Commonwealth for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice;

2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement a state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that expressly refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such conduct, except that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a noncriminal justice agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the arrest and no disposition of the charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is pending;

3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and confidentiality of the data;

4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities pursuant to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and security of the data;

5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining employment suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;

6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

59 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies
60 owned, operated or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that
61 operates a public transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of
62 applicants for employment, permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is
63 necessary to determine under a duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a
64 conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under
65 consideration;

66 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of
67 Title 33.2 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a
68 position of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the
69 Transportation District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person
70 with a conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

71 8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate
72 compact to investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the
73 adult members of that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or
74 from whom the agency is considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency,
75 temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that
76 the data shall not be further disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as
77 may be required to comply with an express requirement of law;

78 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in
79 § 56-1, for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves
80 personal contact with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible
81 with the nature of the employment under consideration;

82 10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of international
83 travel, including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

84 11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in
85 § 9.1-101 at his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a
86 person who has applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of
87 America; (ii) a volunteer fire company; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any
88 affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse, Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board
89 member or any individual who has been offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime
90 Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in § 15.2-1713.1;

91 12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child
92 welfare agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services'
93 representative pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and
94 volunteers at such facilities, caretakers, and other adults living in family day homes or homes approved
95 by family day systems, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing agencies,
96 pursuant to §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, 63.2-1720.1, 63.2-1721, and 63.2-1721.1, subject to the restriction
97 that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data
98 subject, the Commissioner of Social Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as
99 may be required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further dissemination;

100 13. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are
101 offered or who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a
102 report of arrest has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

103 14. The Virginia Lottery for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the Virginia Lottery Law
104 (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.), and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of
105 investigations as set forth in Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

106 15. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations
107 of applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital
108 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject
109 to the limitations set out in subsection E;

110 16. Licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care centers for the conduct of
111 investigations of applicants for compensated employment in licensed assisted living facilities and
112 licensed adult day care centers pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

113 17. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority for the conduct of investigations as set forth
114 in § 4.1-103.1;

115 18. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof and general registrars
116 appointed pursuant to § 24.2-110 in the course of conducting necessary investigations with respect to
117 voter registration, limited to any record of felony convictions;

118 19. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for those individuals who
119 are committed to the custody of the Commissioner pursuant to §§ 19.2-169.2, 19.2-169.6, 19.2-182.2,
120 19.2-182.3, 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 for the purpose of placement, evaluation, and treatment planning;

20. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program for (i) assessments of habitual offenders under § 46.2-360, (ii) interventions with first offenders under § 18.2-251, or (iii) services to offenders under § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

21. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual services;

22. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to departmental instructions;

23. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private elementary or secondary schools which are accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 or a private organization coordinating such records information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to a written agreement with the Department of State Police;

24. Public institutions of higher education and nonprofit private institutions of higher education for the purpose of screening individuals who are offered or accept employment;

25. Members of a threat assessment team established by a local school board pursuant to § 22.1-79.4, by a public institution of higher education pursuant to § 23.1-805, or by a private nonprofit institution of higher education, for the purpose of assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may present a threat to safety; however, no member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose that such disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

26. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the community services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider, or permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver pursuant to §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607;

27. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment, approval as a sponsored residential service provider, or permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver pursuant to §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607;

28. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support or who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the name, address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

29. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the purpose of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position or requests approval as a sponsored residential service provider or permission to enter into a shared living arrangement with a person receiving medical assistance services pursuant to a waiver has been convicted of a crime that affects his fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416, 37.2-506, and 37.2-607;

30. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants for and holders of a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

31. The chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice of the Senate or the House of Delegates for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any judgeship has been convicted of a crime;

32. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department of Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1;

33. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

34. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design, construction, overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary companies, for the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities, by contractors, leased laborers, and other visitors;

35. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for the purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

36. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as

182 providers of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is
183 considering placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1,
184 subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other
185 than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of
186 law for such further dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

187 37. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
188 individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered,
189 or have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the
190 Medicaid Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other
191 program administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

192 38. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current
193 or proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under
194 Chapter 16 (§ 6.2-1600 et seq.) or Chapter 19 (§ 6.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 6.2. Notwithstanding any
195 other provision of law, if an application is denied based in whole or in part on information obtained
196 from the Central Criminal Records Exchange pursuant to Chapter 16 or 19 of Title 6.2, the
197 Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee may disclose such information to the applicant or
198 its designee;

199 39. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating
200 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

201 40. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and
202 Vision Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment
203 and for the purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11
204 (§ 51.5-170 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment;

205 41. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

206 42. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for
207 wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12;

208 43. The Department of Social Services and directors of local departments of social services for the
209 purpose of screening individuals seeking to enter into a contract with the Department of Social Services
210 or a local department of social services for the provision of child care services for which child care
211 subsidy payments may be provided;

212 44. The Department of Juvenile Justice to investigate any parent, guardian, or other adult members of
213 a juvenile's household when completing a predispositional or postdispositional report required by §
214 16.1-273 or a Board of Juvenile Justice regulation promulgated pursuant to § 16.1-233; and

215 45. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

216 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records
217 requested may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal
218 Records Exchange to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons
219 designated in the order on whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

220 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to
221 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the
222 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a
223 copy of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request;
224 however, such person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the
225 making of such request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further
226 disseminate that data as he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data
227 subject, the person making the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

228 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this
229 section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further.

230 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal
231 history record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

232 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records
233 Exchange prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be
234 reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is
235 being used. Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases
236 where time is of the essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary
237 time period. A criminal justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of
238 criminal history record information that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records
239 Exchange may direct the inquirer to the Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination.
240 Dissemination of information regarding offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be
241 made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the record as required by § 15.2-1722.

242 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care
243 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 15 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange

for any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities and licensed adult day care centers pursuant to subdivision A 16 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense specified in § 63.2-1720.

G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 36 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense set forth in clause (i) of the definition of barrier crime in § 19.2-392.02.

H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on whom the data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has presented a photo-identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be conducted on forms provided by the Exchange.

§ 19.2-391. Records to be made available to Exchange by state officials and agencies; duplication of records.

Each state official and agency shall make available to the Central Criminal Records Exchange such of their records as are pertinent to its functions and shall cooperate with the Exchange in the development and use of equipment and facilities on a joint basis, where feasible. No state official or agency shall maintain records which are a duplication of the records on deposit in the Central Criminal Records Exchange, except to the extent necessary for efficient internal administration of such agency. Furthermore, the Virginia Parole Board may receive and use electronically disseminated criminal history record information from the Central Criminal Records Exchange as required to make parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 6 of § 53.1-136, provided the data is (i) temporarily stored with the Board solely for operational purposes, (ii) purged within ~~thirty~~ 30 days of receipt of updated data by the Board, and (iii) accessed and viewed solely by Parole Board members and authorized staff pursuant to §§ 9.1-101 and § 9.1-130.

§ 53.1-136. Powers and duties of Board; notice of release of certain inmates.

In addition to the other powers and duties imposed upon the Board by this article, the Board shall:

1. Adopt, subject to approval by the Governor, general rules governing the granting of parole and eligibility requirements, which shall be published and posted for public review;

2. ~~(a)~~ *Adopt, subject to approval by the Governor, rules providing for the granting of parole to those prisoners who are eligible for parole pursuant to § 53.1-165.1 on the basis of demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation and the lesser culpability of juvenile offenders;*

3. *a.* Release on parole for such time and upon such terms and conditions as the Board shall prescribe, persons convicted of felonies and confined under the laws of the Commonwealth in any correctional facility in Virginia when those persons become eligible and are found suitable for parole, according to those rules adopted pursuant to subdivision 1 and 2;

~~(b)~~ *b.* Establish the conditions of postrelease supervision authorized pursuant to §§ § 18.2-10 and subsection A of § 19.2-295.2 A;

~~(c)~~ *c.* Notify by certified mail at least 21 business days prior to release on discretionary parole of any inmate convicted of a felony and sentenced to a term of 10 or more years, the attorney for the Commonwealth in the jurisdiction where the inmate was sentenced. In the case of parole granted for medical reasons, where death is imminent, the ~~Commonwealth's Attorney~~ *attorney for the Commonwealth* may be notified by telephone or other electronic means prior to release. Nothing in this ~~subsection~~ *section* shall be construed to alter the obligations of the Board under § 53.1-155 for investigation prior to release;

~~(d)~~ *d.* Provide that in any case where a person who is released on parole or postrelease supervision has been committed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services under the provisions of Chapter 9 (§ 37.2-900 et seq.) of Title 37.2; the conditions of his parole or postrelease supervision shall include the requirement that the person comply with all conditions given him by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and that he follow all of the terms of his treatment plan;

3. 4. Revoke parole and any period of postrelease and order the reincarceration of any parolee or felon serving a period of postrelease supervision or impose a condition of participation in any component of the Statewide Community-Based Corrections System for State-Responsible Offenders (§ 53.1-67.2 et seq.) on any eligible parolee, when, in the judgment of the Board, he has violated the conditions of his parole; or postrelease supervision or is otherwise unfit to be on parole or on postrelease supervision;

305 4. 5. Issue final discharges to persons released by the Board on parole when the Board is of the
306 opinion that the discharge of the parolee will not be incompatible with the welfare of such person or of
307 society;

308 5. 6. Make investigations and reports with respect to any commutation of sentence, pardon, reprieve
309 or remission of fine or penalty when requested by the Governor;

310 6. 7. Publish monthly a statement regarding the action taken by the Board on the parole of prisoners.
311 The statement shall list the name of each prisoner considered for parole and indicate whether parole was
312 granted or denied, as well as the basis for denial of parole as described in subdivision 2 (a); and

313 7. 8. Ensure that each person eligible for parole receives a timely and thorough review of his
314 suitability for release on parole, including a review of any relevant post-sentencing information. If parole
315 is denied, the basis for the denial of parole shall be in writing and shall give specific reasons for such
316 denial to such inmate.

317 **§ 53.1-165.1. Limitation on the application of parole statutes.**

318 A. The provisions of this article, except §§ 53.1-160 and 53.1-160.1, shall not apply to any sentence
319 imposed or to any prisoner incarcerated upon a conviction for a felony offense committed on or after
320 January 1, 1995. Any person sentenced to a term of incarceration for a felony offense committed on or
321 after January 1, 1995, shall not be eligible for parole upon that offense.

322 B. *Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A or any other provision of this article to the*
323 *contrary, any person sentenced to a term of life imprisonment for a single felony or multiple felonies*
324 *committed while the person was a juvenile and who has served at least 25 years of such sentence shall*
325 *be eligible for parole and any person who has active sentences that total more than 25 years for a*
326 *single felony or multiple felonies committed while the person was a juvenile and who has served at least*
327 *25 years of such sentences shall be eligible for parole. The Board shall review and decide the case of*
328 *each prisoner who is eligible for parole in accordance with § 53.1-154 and rules adopted pursuant to*
329 *subdivision 2 of § 53.1-136.*