

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Board of Juvenile Justice to promulgate regulations governing youth detained in*  
3 *juvenile correctional facilities pursuant to contracts with the federal government.*

4 [S 20]

5 Approved

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

7 1. § 1. *That the Board of Juvenile Justice, in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health*  
8 *and Developmental Services, shall promulgate regulations governing the housing of youth who are*  
9 *detained in a juvenile correctional facility pursuant to a contract with the federal government and not*  
10 *committed to such juvenile correctional facility by a court of the Commonwealth. Such regulations shall*  
11 *establish:*

12 1. *Standards that (i) govern the use of physical force, mechanical restraints, and spit guards and (ii)*  
13 *avoid the use of isolation;*

14 2. *Staff training requirements regarding cognitive behavioral interventions, trauma-informed care,*  
15 *cultural background implications, de-escalation techniques, and the use of physical and mechanical*  
16 *restraints;*

17 3. *Requirements for an appropriate number of bilingual staff and culturally relevant programs;*

18 4. *Methods to ensure that such youth detained understand their rights and responsibilities;*

19 5. *Standards to ensure the provision of necessary physical and mental health care;*

20 6. *A requirement that any contract entered into by a juvenile correctional facility with the federal*  
21 *government to house youth provide staff of the Department of Juvenile Justice (the Department) with the*  
22 *same level of access to such youth that the Department would ordinarily have regarding any other youth*  
23 *committed to such facility; and*

24 7. *Standards for recordkeeping, including extended recordkeeping requirements for records and video*  
25 *footage related to reported incidents.*

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