

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 9.2 of Title 19.2 a section numbered*  
3 *19.2-152.18, relating to substantial risk orders; training program.*

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5 Approved

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

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 9.2 of Title 19.2 a section**  
8 **numbered 19.2-152.18 as follows:**

9 **§ 19.2-152.18. Substantial Risk Order Training Program.**

10 *A. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (the Department) shall establish a Substantial Risk*  
11 *Order Training Program (the Program) for the purposes of training law-enforcement agencies and other*  
12 *public institutions throughout the Commonwealth on the proper use and implementation of the*  
13 *substantial risk order law established by this chapter. The Program shall engage in an outreach effort*  
14 *to provide training regarding proper procedures to follow, the circumstances under which the*  
15 *substantial risk order law can be used, the benefits to public safety from proper use of the law, and the*  
16 *harm that may ensue from the law not being used when lawfully available. Additionally, the Program*  
17 *shall be used to train other important parties on the proper use of the law, including mental health*  
18 *professionals, emergency health care providers, public elementary and secondary school personnel, and*  
19 *threat assessment teams at public institutions of higher education. The Program shall also include*  
20 *efforts to educate the public on the substantial risk order law and increase awareness via (i) outreach to*  
21 *community members and organizations, (ii) development and distribution of Program literature, and (iii)*  
22 *publication of best practices for the use of the law.*

23 *B. The Department shall report by November 1 each year to the Secretary of Public Safety and*  
24 *Homeland Security regarding the use of Program funds, details of the content of programming*  
25 *developed, and the effectiveness of the Program in assisting law-enforcement agencies and other public*  
26 *institutions in the use of the substantial risk order law.*

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