

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 16.1-309.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to exception to*
3 *confidentiality of juvenile records.*

4 [H 1525]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That 16.1-309.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 16.1-309.1. Exception as to confidentiality.

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, where consideration of public interest requires,
10 the judge shall make available to the public the name and address of a juvenile and the nature of the
11 offense for which a juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent (i) for an act which would be a Class 1, 2
12 or 3 felony, forcible rape, robbery or burglary or a related offense as set out in Article 2 (§ 18.2-89 et
13 seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2 if committed by an adult or (ii) in any case where a juvenile is
14 sentenced as an adult in circuit court.

15 Whenever a juvenile, charged with a delinquent act which would be forcible rape, robbery, burglary
16 or a related offense as set out in Article 2 (§ 18.2-89 et seq.) of Chapter 5 of Title 18.2 or a Class 1, 2,
17 or 3 felony if committed by an adult, becomes a fugitive from justice any time prior to or after final
18 disposition of the charge, the attorney for the Commonwealth or, upon notice to the Commonwealth's
19 attorney, the Department of Youth and Family Services or a locally operated court services unit may
20 petition the court having jurisdiction of the offense to authorize public release of the juvenile's name,
21 age, physical description and photograph, the charge for which he is sought or for which he was
22 adjudicated and any other information which may expedite his apprehension. Upon a showing that the
23 juvenile is a fugitive and for good cause, the court shall order release of this information to the public.

24 *Whenever a juvenile fourteen years of age or older is charged with a delinquent act that would be*
25 *an "act of violence" as defined in subsection A of § 19.2-297.1 if committed by an adult, the court may*
26 *where consideration of the public interest requires, make the juvenile's name and address available to*
27 *the public.*

28 Upon the request of a victim of a delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult,
29 the court may order that such victim be informed of the charge or charges brought, the findings of the
30 court, and the disposition of the case. For purposes of this section, "victim" shall be defined as in
31 § 19.2-299.1.

32 Upon request, the judge or clerk may disclose if an order of emancipation of a juvenile pursuant to
33 § 16.1-333 has been entered, provided (i) the order is not being appealed, (ii) the order has not been
34 terminated, or (iii) there has not been a judicial determination that the order is void ab initio.

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