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HOUSE BILL NO. 2170

Offered January 23, 1995

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 9-173.12 of the Code of Virginia, relating to inspection of records by court appointed special advocates.*

Patron—Melvin

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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

**1. That § 9-173.12 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 9-173.12. Inspection of records; copies.

Upon presentation by the advocate of the order of his appointment and upon specific court order, any state or local agency, department, authority, or institution, and any hospital, school, physician, or other health or mental health care provider shall permit the advocate to inspect and copy, without the consent of the child or his parents, any records relating to the child involved in the case. *In lieu of the advocate inspecting and copying any records relating to the child involved in the case, a mental health care provider shall present to the advocate a review and professional interpretation of the child's treatment records specifically related to the investigation. Upon the advocate presenting to the mental health care provider the order of the advocate's appointment and upon specific court order, the mental health care provider shall be available within forty-eight hours to conduct such review and interpretation.*

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