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HOUSE BILL NO. 2170

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions
on January 31, 1995)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Melvin)

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

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. *Upon the advocate presenting to the mental health provider the order of the advocate's appointment and, upon specific court order, in lieu of the advocate inspecting and copying any related records of the child involved, the mental health care provider shall be available within forty-eight hours to conduct for the advocate a review and an interpretation of the child's treatment records which are specifically related to the investigation.*

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