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HOUSE BILL NO. 2596

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on January 29, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Rasoul)

A BILL to direct the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia to send notification to guardians ad litem representing juveniles alleged to be a child in need of services or supervision that such attorney should have familiarity with the statutes providing the dispositional alternatives available when a juvenile and domestic relations district court finds that a child is in need of services or supervision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall send notification to attorneys in the Commonwealth who are qualified as of July 1, 2025, for appointment as a guardian ad litem pursuant to § 16.1-266.1 of the Code of Virginia that, if appointed to represent a child who is alleged to be a child in need of services or supervision in accordance with the provisions of § 16.1-266 of the Code of Virginia, such attorney should have familiarity with the statutes providing the dispositional alternatives available when a juvenile and domestic relations district court finds that a child is in need of services or supervision.

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