



59 for whom the person is the legal guardian; or

60 5. Assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws irrespective of whether there is an existing  
61 agreement to do so unless otherwise required by state or federal law.

62 B. Nothing in this section shall prevent an employee of a state agency or law-enforcement officer from  
63 inquiring about any information if such information is material to a criminal investigation.

64 C. If the citizenship or immigration status of a person is relevant to a protection afforded to such person  
65 under state or federal law or subject to a requirement imposed by an international treaty, an employee of a  
66 state agency or law-enforcement officer may (i) notify such person of such protection or requirement and (ii)  
67 provide such person with the opportunity to voluntarily disclose such person's citizenship or immigration  
68 status for the purpose of receiving such protection or complying with such requirement.

69 D. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a person may bring a civil action for appropriate  
70 equitable, injunctive, or declaratory relief against another person who willfully violates the provisions of this  
71 section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or prohibit any person injured as a result of an  
72 arrest performed in violation of this section from recovering damages or other appropriate relief.

73 E. The Attorney General shall develop, publish, and periodically update guidance on the application of  
74 this section to law-enforcement officers.

75 **§ 15.2-1730.5. Construction and severability.**

76 The provisions of this article shall be severable and if any provision or the application thereof to any  
77 person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does  
78 not affect other provisions or any other application of this article that can be given effect without the invalid  
79 provision or application.

80 2. That, pursuant to the provisions of this act, a state agency or law-enforcement agency that has an  
81 existing written agreement authorizing any employee or law-enforcement officer to perform a function  
82 of a federal immigration officer or to enforce federal immigration law shall terminate such written  
83 agreement no later than September 1, 2026.