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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: June 5, 2024

TO: Licensed Child-Placing Agencies

FROM: Tara Ragland
Director, Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: 2024 Legislative Information

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of legislation that passed in the 2024 General Assembly session that affects licensed child-placing agencies.

[House Bill 317](#)

This bill amends and reenacts §§ 2.2-438, 2.2-442, 2.2-445, and 2.2-447 of the Code of Virginia authorizing the Office of the Children's Ombudsman to request that the child-placing agency, Department of Social Services, local department of social services, or children's residential facility grant access and provide consent to interview children in foster care who are the subject of or the complainant in an investigation.

Here is the [link](#) for the Office of the Children's Ombudsman website for additional information and resources.

This is effective July 1, 2024.

[House Bill 777](#)

This bill amends and reenacts §§ 22.1-3 and 22.1-3.4 of the Code of Virginia and allows a student to continue to attend their enrolled school when the student has transitioned out of foster care.

This is effective July 1, 2024

[House Bill 783](#)

This bill may affect licensed child-placing agencies that provide parental placement services. The bill amends and reenacts §§ 20-166, 20-167, 63.2-1201.1, and 63.2-1230 of the Code of Virginia allowing a parent or legal guardian to execute a power of attorney to the prospective adoptive parent for discharge of a newborn infant from a hospital or for the initial physical placement of a child with a prospective adoptive parent.

This is effective July 1, 2024.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions.