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## ***Digging in the Data: What data really says about Virginia's School-Police Partnership and what we are doing to improve it***



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2016 School and Campus Safety  
Training Forum  
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## What do we do?

- Provide **training** for stakeholders
- Develop and disseminate **resources** to improve school safety
- Facilitate the **annual school safety audit** pursuant to § [22.1-279.8](#)
- Provide **technical assistance** for Virginia School Divisions
- Develop **partnerships** to promote school safety and campus in Virginia



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## Center for Public Integrity Report:

Criminalizing kids

### Virginia tops nation in sending students to cops, courts: Where does your state rank?

How kicking a trash can became criminal for a 6th grader

By Susan Farries [email](#) 5:00 am, April 10, 2015 Updated: 12:43 pm, May 18, 2015



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## CPI Report

- “Virginia schools in a single year referred students to law enforcement agencies at a rate nearly three times the national rate.
- Virginia’s referral rate: about 16 for every 1,000 students, compared to a national rate of six referrals for every 1,000 students.”
- **“Virginia Tops Nation in Sending Students to Cops”**



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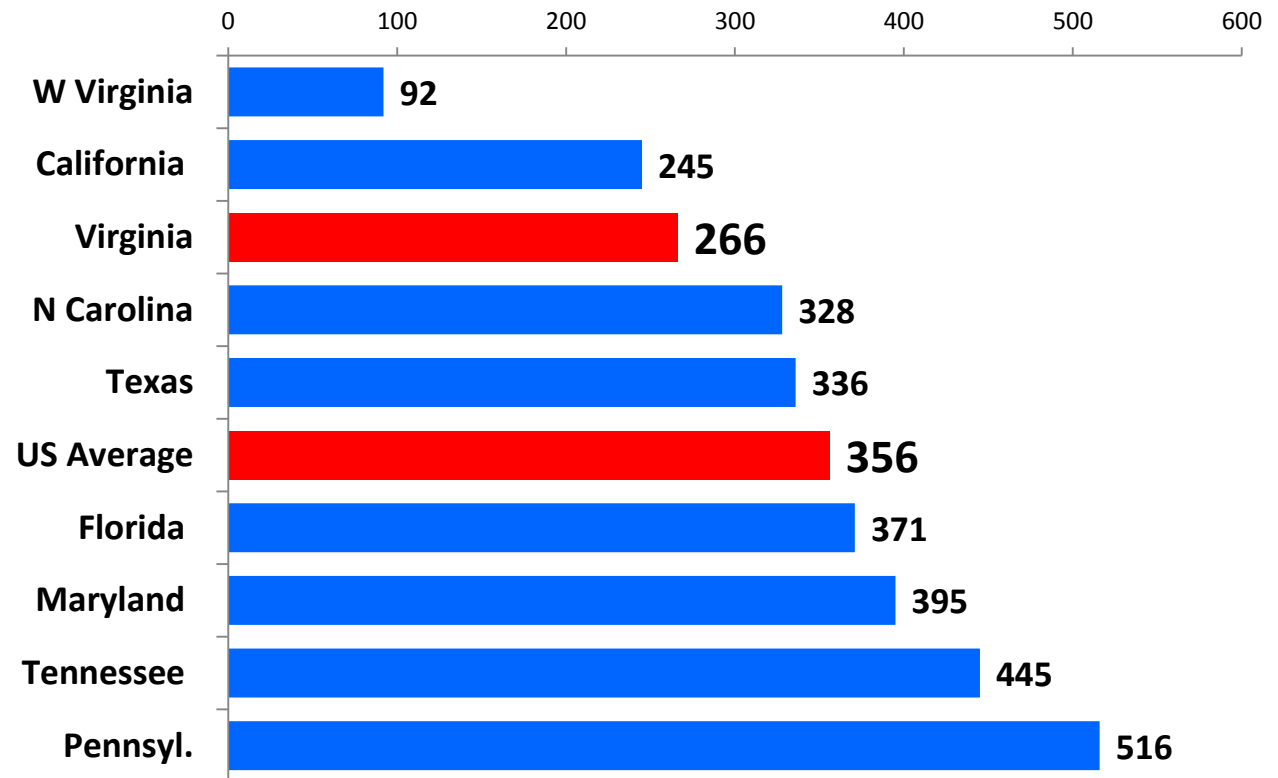


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## Virginia's Juvenile Arrest Rate Below National Average

### Juvenile Arrest Rates

per 100,00 inhabitants



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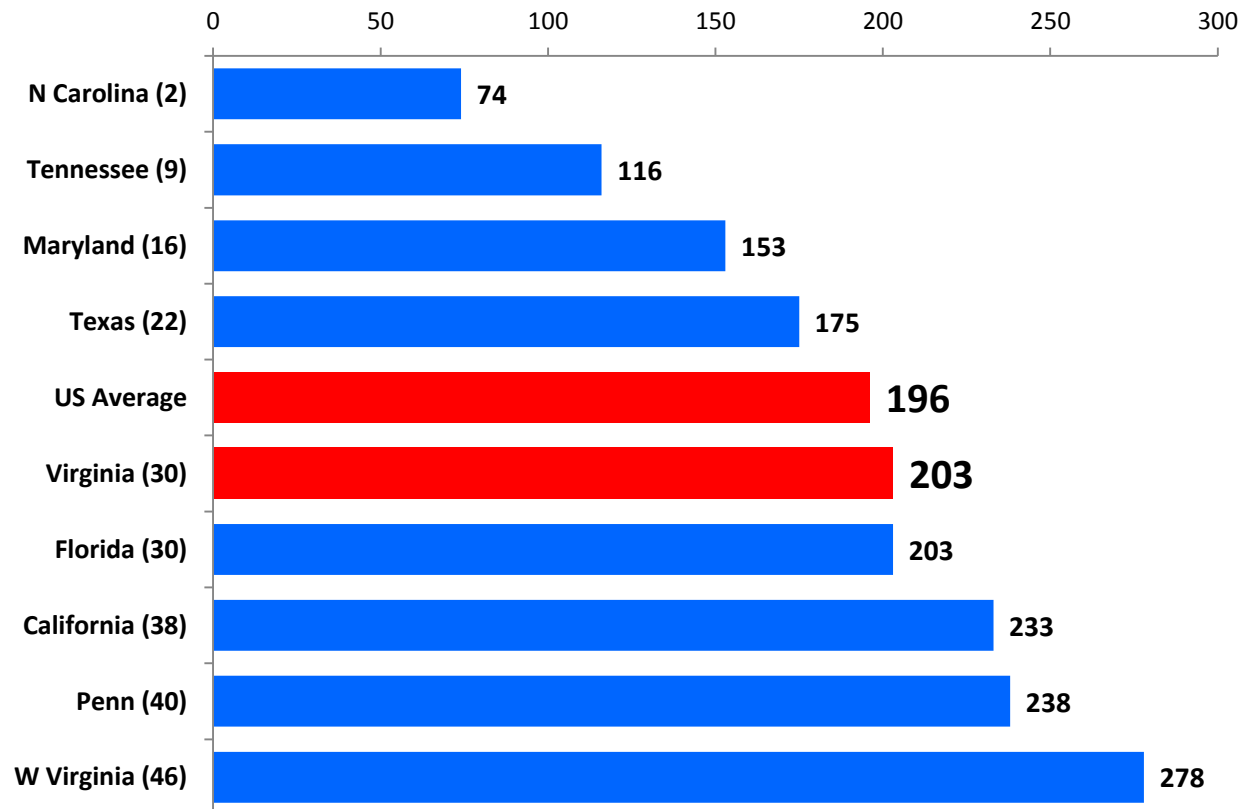


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## Virginia's Juvenile Incarceration Rate Near the National Average

### Detention/Correction Rates

per 100,00 juveniles in 2011



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Summarized from VA Code § 22.1-279.3:1

- “the principal shall immediately report to the local law-enforcement agency:
  - Assault and battery that results in bodily injury or sexual assault
  - Stalking
  - Conduct involving alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid, including the theft or attempted theft of student prescription medications;
  - Threats against school personnel
  - Illegal carrying of a firearm
  - Illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax explosive devices, explosive or incendiary devices, chemical bombs,
  - Threats or false threats to bomb





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Summarized from VA Code § 22.1-279.3:1

- **“Nothing in this section shall require delinquency charges to be filed or prevent schools from dealing with school-based offenses through graduated sanctions or educational programming before a delinquency charge is filed with the juvenile court.”**



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## Virginia Children's Cabinet

**Governor Terry McAuliffe** | Building a  
New Virginia Economy

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Governor > News > Governor McAuliffe Announces Creation of Children's Cabinet and the Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success

**For Immediate Release:** August 11, 2014  
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Governor McAuliffe Announces Creation of Children's Cabinet and the  
Commonwealth Council on Childhood Success

- Secretary of Education
- Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- Secretary of Public Safety
- Secretary of Commerce and Trade



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## **Children's Cabinet Recommendations**



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- 1. Data Quality Improvement and Cross-Agency Data Sharing**
- 3. Expand VTSS/PBIS**
- 4. Eliminate the Valid Court Order Exception**
- 5. Enhance Funding for Student Services Personnel**
- 7. Expand Eligibility for Services Through the CSA**
- 8. Inter-Agency Monitoring of Implementation**
- 9. Use of Pilot Projects**



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## **2. Develop Joint Training Curricula**

DCJS, DOE, DJJ and stakeholders will collaborate to develop curricula for joint training and new training opportunities for school personnel, SROs, law enforcement, parents, and members of the community.



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## **6. Revise the Model School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding and Program Guide**

The Children's Cabinet agreed that DCJS will update and revise the SRO Program Guide and model MOU. This will ensure that schools and law enforcement have guidance reflecting the latest best practices and the current language and intent of the Code of Virginia.





# More Good News in Virginia

- VCSCS to update the School Resource Officer, School Administrator, and School Security Officer Basic Training Curriculum
- Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to revise their discipline, crime, and violence codes to address disparities in discipline data and disproportionate minority contact.
- VCSCS and VDOE to develop more joint training for school administrators and LEOs.



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The Children's Cabinet agreed that it is important for the MOU to clearly describe **the role SROs should fill in the school.** In developing the model MOU, DCJS shall consult with stakeholders, including school officials, law enforcement personnel, parents, and community members, about school discipline, community supports, and the role of law enforcement in schools.



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DCJS should also **provide local school divisions with guidance on best practices** for bringing school officials, law enforcement personnel, parents, and community members together to implement the model MOU. DCJS shall complete the update and revision to the SRO Program Guide and model MOU by September 1, 2016.



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- Advisory Committee selected and provided guidance to developer in March 2017
- Review of new program guide, curriculum, and model MOU will occur in August 2016.
- Materials will be delivered to Children's Cabinet by September 2016.
- Executive Leadership Forum on School- Law Enforcement Partnerships on September 21, 2016



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## Future Plans:

- **Principal Forums (Fall through Spring)**
- K12 Legal Issues Around Roles and Responsibilities
- **SRO/SSO/ School Administrators Trainings**
- Trauma Informed Responses to Discipline Practices



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# Trainings and Conferences

## 4 main conferences annually

- School and Campus Safety Training Forum (mainly K12 school personnel and school based law enforcement (SROs))
- Violent Crime Conference (primarily law enforcement)
- Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Forum
- Strengthening Connections (K12 School Climate)



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# Trainings and Conferences

- Adult Sexual Misconduct
- Autism Awareness
- Beyond Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter in Place
- Bomb Threat Incident Management
- CPTED Based School Safety Inspection Checklists
- Crisis and Emergency Planning
- Extremists and Sovereign Citizens in Schools
- Critical Role of Educators in Combatting Human Trafficking







# Trainings and Conferences

- Mental Health First Aid
- Next Steps Crisis Planning: Family Assistance Centers and Reunification
- Recent Court Rulings: OCR/Title IX
- Resiliency Strategies for Educators
- Social Media
- Suicide Prevention
- Threat Assessment in K12 Schools
- Violence Prevention in Schools – Legal Considerations





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