

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the
Virginia Board of Local and Regional Jails
Fiscal Year 2026**

June 30, 2025

Description of Agency or Boards

The Board of Local and Regional Jails (BLRJ) is established in the Code of Virginia §[53.1-2](#) et seq. The BLRJ is authorized to: establish operational and fiscal standards governing the operation of local and regional correctional facilities; establish minimum standards for health care services in local, regional, and community correctional facilities and procedures for enforcing such minimum standards; develop and implement policies and procedures for the review of the death of any inmate that the board determines warrants review that occurs in any local, regional, or community correctional facility; establish minimum standards for the construction, equipment, administration, and operation of local correctional facilities and lockups.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) RIS Project 7155	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Regulations for Private Management and Operation of Prison Facilities (6VAC15-45)	
Brief Overview The intent of regulation 6VAC15-45 is to ensure that minimum standards for the administration and operation of private prisons are met. Action is underway through the Virginia Register of Regulations to repeal these regulations as they are no longer under the purview of the BLRJ. Notice of the proposed repeal was published in the Virginia Register of Regulations June 2, 2025, Volume 41 Issue 21. The public comment period ends July 2, 2025, and the anticipated effective date for the repeal is July 17, 2025.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed Rule ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☒ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Exempt Rule ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Not applicable
Expected Date	July 17, 2025

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revisions to Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups (6VAC15-40)	
Brief Overview The Periodic Review Report of Findings was filed on 2/01/2022 and noted standards should be revised. In addition to changes necessary to reflect the name change of the BLRJ, other revisions will be made as a result of findings during the BLRJ examination of the regulations. Pursuant to Executive Orders 19 and 30, the BLRJ looks forward to partnering with the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) to explore the assistance of artificial intelligence (AI) to identify options for regulatory streamlining.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed Rule (Exempt) ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☒ Exempt Rule ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary action ☒ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	This Chapter contains 282 mandatory regulatory components and 14 discretionary components. The BLRJ is currently in the process of review and the number of regulations revised will be available upon completion.
Expected Date	2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Periodic Review of Standards for Planning, Design, Construction and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities (6VAC15-81)	
Brief Overview Regulations addressing the Needs Assessment portion of the required Community Based Corrections Plan (CBCP) is under review for the purposes of simplification and clarification. The Planning Study portions of the CBCP are being analyzed to obtain cost information for projects presented to the BLRJ for consideration. This regulatory action may also benefit from the assistance of AI to identify streamlining opportunities and potential targeted analyses.	
Regulatory Stage	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency Rule

(check one box)	☒ Proposed Rule (Exempt) ☐ Fast-Track Rule ☐ Final Rule
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Rule ☐ Guidance Document ☒ Exempt Rule
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Discretionary action ☒ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	The BLRJ review will attempt to revise regulations within the Needs Assessment process while ensuring the documentation of cost data is accurate and comprehensive and addresses life, health and safety for inmates and staff.
Expected Date	2026