



Unified Regulatory Plan of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for Fiscal Year 2026

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Agency Summary

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is one of 11 agencies that falls within the Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The agency is charged with planning and carrying out initiatives, programs, and services in order to improve the function and effectiveness of the criminal justice system as a whole, and does this through planning, coordination, program development and evaluation, data and policy analysis, technical and financial assistance, training for criminal justice personnel, educators and school and campus safety personnel, as well as victims service providers. The Criminal Justice Services Board is the agency's policy board, which is comprised of representatives from various facets of the criminal justice system on both the state and local levels of government, as well as citizens. DCJS' primary constituents and stakeholders are local and state criminal justice agencies and practitioners, but the agency also serves private security professionals and businesses, private nonprofit agencies and advocacy groups and associations, as well as the citizens of the Commonwealth. DCJS is authorized to promulgate regulations for the administration of its responsibilities, pursuant to the *Code of Virginia*, Title 9.1, Chapter 1, Article 1.

Individual Regulatory Activities

As of June 2025, DCJS currently has 16 active regulatory actions underway which include 16 of the agency's 24 current regulations housed within Virginia Administrative Code, and four new regulations that originate from legislative mandates dating back to the Special Session I of 2020 (for a total of 18 regulations undergoing revision), respectively. During Fiscal Year 2026, DCJS plans to open four additional actions for periodic review and revision, for a total of 20 of the 24 to undergo amendment, equating to approximately 83% of all current agency regulations. The agency anticipates that no less than 146 regulatory sections of the 394 total regulatory sections (or approximately 37%) will ultimately be affected, with the goal of meeting Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 19 requirements for overall agency reduction. While many active regulatory actions have been carried over from previous fiscal years awaiting certification or review at various stages of Executive Branch Review, DCJS also plans to continue its update of agency guidance documents and ensure that all periodic reviews are up to date to comply with EO14 and § 2.2-4017 of the *Code of Virginia*. All actions for FY26 are detailed below in the prescribed tables.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) <i>Not yet available</i>		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Public Participation Guidelines Resulting from Periodic Review 2025		
Brief Overview DCJS will amend 6 VAC 20-11 to comport with a change to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) resulting from the enactment of Chapter 795 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly. § 2.2-4007.02(B) was amended to specify that interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to be accompanied by and represented by counsel or other representative when these persons present their views on a regulation. This action is not expected to be controversial because it is mandated in order to bring the agency Public Participation Guidelines into compliance with changes to the Administrative Process Act.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☒ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The action is not anticipated to have any deregulatory component. The only contemplated change will be updating the Public Participation Guidelines to comply with changes to the Administrative Process Act that occurred after the promulgation of the regulation.	
Expected Date	January 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) <i>Not yet available</i>		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Rules Relating to Certification of Criminal Justice Instructors		
Brief Overview DCJS will review and amend 6VAC20-80 and FORMS section of the regulation as needed to make technical amendments, remove outdated language, eliminate unnecessary or duplicative requirements, and update and clarify language.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☒ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☐ Expedited Review Requested	☐ Guidance Document

Description	☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	This action will likely reduce regulatory requirements where possible and support the overall efforts toward regulatory reduction in the Commonwealth pursuant to Executive Order 19.
Expected Date	January 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) <i>Not yet available</i>	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Rules Relating to Criminal Justice Training Academies	
Brief Overview DCJS will review and amend 6VAC20-90 and DIBRs as needed to make technical amendments, remove outdated language, eliminate unnecessary or duplicative requirements, and update and clarify language.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☒ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	This action will likely reduce regulatory requirements where possible and support the overall efforts toward regulatory reduction in the Commonwealth pursuant to Executive Order 19.
Expected Date	January 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) <i>Not yet available</i>	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Law-Enforcement Field Training Officers	
Brief Overview DCJS will review and amend 6VAC20-280 as needed to make technical amendments, remove outdated language, eliminate unnecessary or duplicative requirements, and update and clarify language.	
Regulatory Stage	☒ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA

(check one box)	☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action will likely reduce regulatory requirements where possible and support the overall efforts toward regulatory reduction in the Commonwealth pursuant to Executive Order 19.	
Expected Date	January 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5722 / Stage 10165		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Compulsory In-Service Training Standards for Law Enforcement Officers, Jailors or Custodial Officers, Process Service Officers, and Officers of the Department of Corrections, Division of Operations, affecting Chapter 6 VAC 20-30		
Brief Overview The Department of Criminal Justice Services is amending 6 VAC 20-30 to align training standards for new law enforcement officer recruits with legislation from the 2020 Special Session I of the General Assembly. The changes include updates to in-service training hours and standards requirements, incorporates public safety telecommunicators (dispatchers) in-service training hours and standards, and creates a cohesive set of standards across all criminal justice professions. New in-service training topics required by the legislation include (i) awareness of bias-based policing, (ii) working with individuals with disabilities, mental health needs, and substance use disorders, (iii) enhanced use of force and de-escalation techniques, and (iv) a module of principles-based training for crisis intervention for law enforcement officers. This action is also serving as a periodic review as one has not been completed in some time. The Proposed stage was submitted to the OAG on 10/21/2024. It is anticipated that the final stage will be completed and the amendments to the regulation will be adopted during Fiscal Year 2026.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action does not reduce regulatory requirements or compliance burdens but rather, updates outdated language and the minimum number of hours required,	

	and replaces the existing outdated FORMS section, which is currently listed as the PIC-1 Form (rev. 11/05).
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5726 / Stage 10157	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Jailor/Court Security/Civil Process Training Standards	
Brief Overview The Department of Criminal Justice Services is amending 6 VAC 20-50 as a result of a comprehensive review. It updates the compulsory minimum training standards for jailors, civil process officers, and courtroom/courthouse security officers. Training standards have been incorporated into regulation as a Document Incorporated By Reference. Civil process and courtroom security officers will now be mandated to attend either a law enforcement or jail officer basic training curriculum, consolidating each functions requirements under a single "Operations" category. Additional revisions include new performance outcomes for both civil process and courtroom/courthouse security officers addressing the recording and reporting of injuries, added deputy safety procedures, and a new category of Officer Wellness for jail officers. Field Training categories for all functions (jailor, civil process, and courtroom/courthouse security officers) were also updated to incorporate additional performance-based tasks. The regulation also reflects changes necessitated by legislation from the 2020 Special Session and is also serving as a periodic review as one has not been completed in some time. The Proposed Stage has been under review by the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security since December 2023. It is anticipated that the Final Stage will be approved and the amendments to the regulation will be adopted during FY26.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Amendments have been made to streamline the regulation to eliminate redundant categories. To bring uniformity to the requirements put upon criminal justice professions that DCJS regulates where possible, the timeframe to successfully complete the training outlined in 6VAC20-50-40 has been increased from 12 months to 18 months to coincide with the timeframe allowed for completion of law enforcement officers' required training completion time.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6655 / Stage 10592		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document New Regulation Related to Training Standards for School Resource Officers (will be Chapter 6 VAC 20-55)		
Brief Overview DCJS is promulgating a new regulation 6 VAC 20-55 in accordance with SB1130 and HB2609 of the 2019 Session of the General Assembly, which mandated that DCJS promulgate compulsory minimum training standards specific to School Resource Officers (SROs) and required compliance by any full- or part-time law enforcement officer serving in that capacity after July 1, 2020. The action sets forth rules and requirements for sworn officers employed by Sheriffs' Offices or Police Departments as (SROs) in the Commonwealth and assigned to elementary, middle, high schools, and colleges in Virginia. After working with subject matter experts to develop the regulation, DCJS obtained approval from the Criminal Justice Services Board in October 2024 to move forward with an Emergency action to establish the regulation. This Emergency action was submitted to the Office of the Attorney General in November 2024. It is anticipated that the Proposed stage will be approved in FY26.		
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Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action will not reduce the regulatory requirements of the agency but rather, will enhance the safety of some of the youngest citizens of Virginia by the promulgation of a new regulation setting statewide standards and requirements to be utilized by employing sheriffs' offices and/or police departments for their SROs working in/on school campuses.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6346 / Stage 10615
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Comprehensive Review and Update of the Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Dispatchers, affecting Chapter 6 VAC 20-60

Brief Overview

DCJS is amending 6 VAC-20-60 to revise the compulsory minimum training standards for law enforcement dispatchers (now also referred to in regulation as “public safety telecommunicators”). Training standards contained in 6 VAC 20-60-20 are being updated as well as the required timeframe for completion of training contained in 6 VAC 20-60-40. The existing DIBR is being replaced with the compulsory minimum training standards and Field Training performance outcomes. Training on Alzheimer’s Disease and dementia resulting from HB933 of the 2024 General Assembly Session has been added. The action also aligns dispatcher training with recent updates made for law enforcement officers, jail officers, civil process and courtroom/courthouse security officers and Department of Corrections staff, to promote consistency across all criminal justice professions regulated by DCJS.

This action is also serving as a periodic review as one has not been completed in some time.

The Proposed action is currently under review at the Office of the Attorney General since December 2024. It is anticipated that the Proposed Stage will be approved in FY26.

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action will not reduce regulatory requirements or compliance burdens, but rather, will update outdated language within the compulsory minimum training standards, fix technical and grammatical errors and a lack of measurability in certain performance outcomes and training objectives, as well as will provide updates to the FORMS and DIBR sections within this regulation.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)

Action 5723 / Stage 10391

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document

New Regulation to Establish Professional Standards of Conduct and Procedures for Decertification

Brief Overview

This regulatory action establishes 6 VAC 20-65 to implement legislative mandates from SB 5030 of the 2020 Special Session, which required the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to adopt statewide professional standards of conduct and due process procedures for decertification of certified law enforcement and jail officers based on serious misconduct. Initially adopted as an emergency regulation which went into effect March of 2024, this permanent implementation of the

regulation also incorporates changes stemming from SB 88 of the 2024 Session of the General Assembly which necessitated additions to Section 40 and revisions to the DC-1 reporting form. As the Emergency regulation is set to expire in September 2025, DCJS has filed for a 6-month extension to ensure that the Standards of Conduct and procedures for decertification and appeals still remains valid and active.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☒ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Discretionary Action ☒ Action required by state statute	
Deregulatory Component	This action will not have a deregulatory component as it establishes new, legislatively mandated regulations required by §§ 15.2-1706, 15.2-1707, and 15.2-1708; § 9.1-102(36)(61) of the <i>Code of Virginia</i> .	
Expected Date	March 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5724 / 9934		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document New Regulation for the Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Detector Canine Handlers Employed by the Department of Corrections; Standards for the Training and Retention of Detector Canines used by the Department of Corrections		
Brief Overview This action will have DCJS establish a new VAC chapter (anticipated as 6 VAC 20-105) to set compulsory minimum training standards for detector canine handlers employed by the Virginia Department of Corrections. It also sets standards for the training and retention of detector canines mandates the establishment of a centralized performance database. The action stems from the passage of SB 5030 from the 2020 Special Session of the General Assembly. The NOIRA for this action is currently under review with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. It is anticipated to move to the Proposed stage in FY 2026.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☒ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document

Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Discretionary Action ☒ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	This action will not have a deregulatory component as it establishes new regulations required by § 9.1-102 (56) of the <i>Code of Virginia</i> .
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6644 / Stage 10803	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Comprehensive Review and Update of Requirements Related to Sealing and Expungement of Records	
Brief Overview As a result of a periodic review completed in early 2024, DCJS intends to amend several sections of 6 VAC 20-120 to modify and update the requirements related to the sealing and expungement of criminal history records. DCJS anticipates the continued collaboration with Virginia State Police during the latter half of 2025 to complete drafting of regulatory language and will file the Proposed Stage in FY26.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Discretionary Action ☒ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	This action is the result of a periodic review. Technical amendments will be made as needed, unnecessary requirements will be eliminated, and regulatory language will be updated and clarified.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6347 / Stage 10386	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Comprehensive Review and Update of CASA Program Requirements	
Brief Overview DCJS is amending 6 VAC 20-160 to revise the Rules Relating to Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Programs. The action includes technical amendments across all sections, clarifies and updates language, eliminates outdated or unnecessary requirements, and expands the responsibilities of under governing boards at the local level for CASA programs throughout the Commonwealth. The action is also serving as a periodic review as one has not been completed in some time.	

The action is currently under Attorney General's Office review since June 2024. It is anticipated that the Final stage will be filed in FY 2026.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action will not reduce the regulatory requirements of the agency but rather, will replace outdated language and simplify the requirements related to Court Appointed Special Advocates in the Commonwealth.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5651 / Stage 9326		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Schedule of Fees, affecting Chapters 6 VAC 20-172, 6 VAC 20-173, 6 VAC 20-174, 6 VAC 20-230, 6 VAC 20-250, 6 VAC 20-260		
Brief Overview DCJS is amending the fee schedules contained within 6 VAC 20-172, 6 VAC 20-173, 6 VAC 20-174, 6 VAC 20-230, 6 VAC 20-250, 6 VAC 20-260. These chapters regulate Private Security Services Businesses, Private Security Services Training Schools, Private Security Services Registered Personnel, Special Conservators of the Peace, Property and Surety Bail Bondsmen, and Bail Enforcement Agents, respectively. The fees have not been updated since at least 2009, with the oldest fees enacted in 2003. The fee amendments aim to address inflation and ensure the sustainability of operations for the Division of Licensure and Regulatory Services (DLRS). DLRS manages the seven programs under a shared service model instead of each program having its own management team, call center, application processors, investigators, adjudication unit, etc., which provides an economy of scale to operation. However, in order to meet fiscal obligations, account for inflation, and ensure sustainability of the programs as well as funding necessary IT updates. The Proposed Stage was submitted to the Attorney General in July of 2021 and this action is currently awaiting the completion of the Governor's review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute	☒ Discretionary Action

	☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	This action does not reduce regulatory requirements or compliance burdens but rather, updates the fee structure that DLRS enforces and collects for various private security businesses, schools, and personnel programs.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6646 / Stage 10579	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendments to Entry-Level and In-Service Training to Include Human Trafficking	
Brief Overview The Department of Criminal Justice Services is amending sections of 6 VAC 20-174 to incorporate legislatively mandated entry-level and in-service human trafficking for four types of private security professionals as required by the passage of HB 203 from the 2024 Session of the General Assembly. The four categories of security professionals affected are: alarm respondents, armed security officers, couriers, security canine handlers, and unarmed security officers. This action also increases the mandatory training for these professions by one hour to account for the additional category. The action was submitted to the Office of the Attorney General on 11/13/2024 and is currently under review. DCJS anticipates the adoption of the Emergency regulation and the filing of the Proposed stage in FY26.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☒ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action adds legislatively mandated training to the regulation and has no deregulatory component.
Expected Date	June 2026

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5832 / Stage 9557
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Comprehensive Review and Update of the Compulsory Minimum Training Standards Relating to Special Conservators of the Peace, affecting Chapter 6 VAC 20-230

Brief Overview

The Department of Criminal Justice Services is revising and amending 6 VAC 20-230, Regulations Relating to Special Conservators of the Peace (SCOPs). The action includes amendments to the compulsory minimum training standards including technical amendments increasing the number of training hours required, as well as aligning the standards themselves with the newly revised law enforcement compulsory minimum training standards housed within 6 VAC 20-21. Revisions include updates to eight sections of the Chapter, with the addition/integration of CPR and first-aid component/training requirement in 6 VAC 20-230-30 and 6 VAC 20-230-70, as well as changes to sections 6 VAC 20-230-160, 170, 180, 190, 200, and 210 which updated outdated language and revised firearms training standards. Additionally, a separate document for training standards will also be included for consistency with law enforcement officer training.

The action is also serving as a periodic review as one has not been conducted in some time.

The Department of Planning and Budget completed its review on 6/2/2023 and the action is currently awaiting review from the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. It is anticipated that the Final stage will be adopted in FY26.

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action does not reduce regulatory requirements or compliance burdens but rather, updates outdated language and ensures consistency between the training of SCOPs and law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)

Action 4884 / Stage 10591

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document

Comprehensive Review and Update of the Rules Relating to School Security Officers, affecting Chapter 6 VAC 20-240

Brief Overview

This Emergency action by DCJS revises 6 VAC 20-240, the regulation enumerating the compulsory minimum training standards and requirements relating to school security officers (SSOs) employed in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The action amends seven sections, repeals three, and adds five new sections. Additionally, six forms currently in use by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS) will be incorporated into the regulation in a separate Forms section. The action stems from HB1392 from the 2017 Session of the General Assembly, which mandated DCJS to establish additional firearms training and certification requirements for SSOs who carry a firearm in the performance of their duties. The mandates from the legislation were implemented but never incorporated into

regulation. DCJS's Campus Safety Division and the VCSCS assembled and consulted with an advisory group comprised of members representing the Department of Education, the Virginia State Crime Commission, and other subject matter experts to draft the regulatory text and forms in this action. On 10/10/2024, the Criminal Justice Services Board approved the opening of this emergency action as well as the regulatory text.

The action was submitted to the Office of the Attorney General on 11/18/2024 and is currently under review. It is anticipated that the Emergency regulation will be adopted, and the permanent Proposed Stage will be filed in FY26.

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☒ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The action supports the overall efforts toward regulatory reduction in the Commonwealth by providing technical amendments and updates to training standards and relevant information and requirements related to school security officers.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)

Action 6647 / Stage 10580

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document

Comprehensive Review and Update of the Rules Relating to Campus Security Officers, affecting Chapter 6 VAC 20-270

Brief Overview

This Emergency action by DCJS incorporates revisions and updates to five sections and repeals one section of 6 VAC 20-270, which sets forth the compulsory minimum training standards and requirements related to campus security officers employed in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Eight forms and the links to such have been revised and two forms have been eliminated due to no longer being relevant. The Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety division of DCJS worked to assemble and consult with an advisory group comprised of campus chiefs, relevant stakeholders, campus security officer subject matter experts and their supervisors in order to develop the regulation and relevant forms.

This action was submitted to the Office of the Attorney General on 11/13/2024 where it is currently under review. It is anticipated that the Emergency regulation will be adopted and DCJS will file the permanent Proposed stage in FY26.

Regulatory Stage	☐ NOIRA	☒ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA
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Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This action will likely reduce the regulatory requirements and support the overall efforts toward regulatory reduction in the Commonwealth. It will provide technical amendments and updates to training standards and relevant information and requirements related to campus security officers.	
Expected Date	June 2026	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5725 / Stage 10243		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document New Regulation for the Waiver Process for Law Enforcement Agencies to Use Certain Military Property		
Brief Overview SB5030, passed during the 2020 Special Session I of the General Assembly, mandated that Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services establish a waiver process allowing law enforcement agencies to utilize certain military property and equipment in accordance with §§ 2.2-5515 and 15.2-1721.1 of the Code of Virginia. This provision of the law was added to § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia and became effective March 1, 2021. DCJS promulgated an Emergency regulation which was finalized and effective as of September 13, 2023. A NOIRA to establish a permanent regulation in the Virginia Administrative Code under 6 VAC 300 was filed on January 28, 2024. The Proposed stage of the action is currently under review with the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. It is anticipated that the action will progress to the Final stage in FY26.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The promulgation of this action does not reduce regulatory requirements or compliance burdens, but rather, ensures that DCJS is in compliance with legislative mandates.	
Expected Date	June 2026	