

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the
Virginia Department of Corrections
Fiscal Year 2023**

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Description of Agency or Boards

The Department of Corrections is an Executive Branch agency operating under the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Title 53.1, Chapter 1, Article 3. The mission of the department is to enhance the quality of life in the Commonwealth by improving public safety. The department accomplishes its mission through the purposeful control and supervision of those sentenced to prison and state supervision. The department is under the supervision and management of the Director of the Department of Corrections.

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Human Subject Research (6VAC16-20)	
Brief Overview This action is already underway and is in the Secretary's office for review. This action will establish regulations under 6VAC16 for Human Subject Research to comply with the Code of Virginia. Regulations regarding human research exist for the protection of individuals participating in any sort of research which may expose such human subjects to physical or psychological injury as a consequence of participation as subjects and which departs from the application of established and accepted therapeutic methods appropriate to meet the subjects' needs. Currently, these regulations exist under 6VAC15, the State Board of Local and Regional Jails. In 2020, Chapter 759 of the Acts of Assembly changed authority for these regulations from the prior Board of Corrections (under §53.1-5.1 of the Code of Virginia) to the Director of the Department of Corrections (under §53.1-10 of the Code of Virginia). This action is necessary to relocate the regulations under the proper agency number, 6VAC16.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Currently, these regulations exist under the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, which will be repealed since the authority for these regulations are now with the Department of Corrections.
Expected Date	December 2022

