

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the
Virginia Department of Corrections
Fiscal Year 2026**

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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 Furloughs (6VAC16-30)		
Brief Overview This action will establish regulations under 6VAC16 to provide parameters governing furloughs as provided for in § 53.1-37. The regulations shall address any extension of limits of confinement, time duration of furloughs, and require that any prisoner who is on furlough will not be granted time served against any sentence.		
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 ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary action	
Deregulatory Component	These regulations previously existed within regulations promulgated by the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, which were repealed since the authority for these regulations is now with the Department of Corrections.	
Expected Date	January 2026	

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Conditions for Good Conduct Allowance (6VAC16-60)		
Brief Overview This action will establish regulations under 6VAC16 for the earning of good conduct allowance. The regulations shall require, as a condition for earning the allowance, that a prisoner participate in an appropriate educational, training, work, counseling or substance abuse program or other program intended for his rehabilitation, as provided in § 53.1-32.1. The amount of good conduct allowance to be credited to those persons eligible therefore shall be based upon compliance with written prison rules or regulations; a demonstration of responsibility in the performance of assignments; and a demonstration of a desire for self-improvement.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed Rule (Exempt) ☐ Final Rule ☐ Emergency Rule ☐ Fast-Track 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	These regulations previously existed under the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, which were repealed since the authority for these regulations is now with the Department of Corrections.
Expected Date	January 2026

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Corrections Private Management Act (6VAC16-70)	
Brief Overview	
This action will establish regulations under 6VAC16 governing the following aspects of private management and operation of prison facilities: 1. Contingency plans for state operation of a contractor-operated facility in the event of a termination of the contract; 2. Use of deadly and non-deadly force by prison contractors' security personnel; 3. Methods of monitoring a contractor-operated facility by the Department or the Board; 4. Public access to a contractor-operated facility; and 5. Such other regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency Rule ☒ 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	Currently, these regulations exist under the State Board of Local and Regional Jails, which will be repealed since the authority for these regulations is now with the Department of Corrections.
Expected Date	In Progress