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By Electronic Submission
Virginia Regulatory Town Hall

Re: Additional Amendments to the Regulation Governing Juvenile Correctional Centers (6VAC35-71)

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have reviewed the proposed additional amendments to the Regulation Governing Juvenile Correctional Centers (6VAC35-71) which is currently in the Final Stage of the Standard Regulatory Process.

I conclude that the board-approved proposed amendments are within the authority of the Board of Juvenile Justice (“the Board”) to promulgate when considering that the Board is authorized to implement and amend this regulation pursuant to its general authority as established in Code of Virginia § 66-10, which directs the board to enact “such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of [Title 66] and other laws of the Commonwealth.” Additionally, Code § 16.1-309.10 provides the Board or its agents with the authority to visit, inspect, and regulate detention homes, group homes, and other residential care facilities. Further, Code § 16.1-309.9 requires that the “State Board of Juvenile Justice shall develop, promulgate and approve standards for the development, implementation, operation and evaluation of the range of community-based programs, services and facilities authorized by [Article 12.1 Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act].”

Further, I find that the proposed amendments do not conflict with either state or federal law. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

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