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Re: Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups – 6VAC15-40
State Board of Local and Regional Jails

Dear All:

I have reviewed the State Board of Local and Regional Jails' proposed fast-track amendments as identified above. In my view, as counsel to the Board, I concur that the Board has legal authority to promulgate these regulations pursuant to § 53.1-5 and § 53.1-68 of the Code of Virginia. Additionally, the Board has the authority to adopt these regulations as fast-track regulations pursuant to § 2.2-4012.1 of the Code of Virginia because these amendments, new regulations and repeals are expected to be non-controversial.

The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect. This approval addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the action.

Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew R. Parker
Senior Assistant Attorney General