

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the
Virginia State Board of Local and Regional Jails
Fiscal Year 2024**

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Description of Agency or Boards

The State Board of Local and Regional Jails is established in Article 2 (§ [53.1-2](#) et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 53.1. The State Board of Local and Regional Jails is authorized to: establish operational and fiscal standards governing the operation of local and regional correctional facilities; establish minimum standards for health care services in local, regional, and community correctional facilities and procedures for enforcing such minimum standards; develop and implement policies and procedures for the review of the death of any inmate that the board determines warrants review that occurs in any local, regional, or community correctional facility; establish minimum standards for the construction, equipment, administration, and operation of local correctional facilities and lockups.

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Revisions to Public Participation Guidelines (6VAC15-11)		
Brief Overview An action is already underway (Action 5942) and is currently pending review by the Office of the Attorney General. The proposed regulatory action seeks to amend 6 VAC 15-11-10 ("Purpose") and 6 VAC 15-11-20 ("Definitions") of the Board's public participation guidelines to replace the agency name "Department of Corrections" with "Board of Local and Regionals Jails." In addition, the action would change 6 VAC 15-11-50 ("Public Comment") of the guidelines to direct the Board, when considering regulatory actions, to afford interested parties an opportunity to be accompanied and represented by counsel or other representatives. This change is mandated by Chapter 795 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly.		
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	Not applicable	
Expected Date	December 2023	

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Periodic Review of Standards for Planning, Design, Construction and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities (6VAC15-81)		
Brief Overview These standards just completed periodic review. No comments were received. Revision will be necessary to reflect the change from Board of Corrections to State Board of Local and Regional Jails. Changes are also necessary to ensure compliance with additional Department of General Services (DGS) requirements placed into the Appropriations Act during 2022 Special Session I.		

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule (Exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" 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	The Board hopes to eliminate three rules for submission of documentation to approve construction projects. However, the new requirements from DGS may cause a zero sum balance due to new forms required to be submitted following the Board's approval of a project.	
Expected Date	February 2024	

Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Revisions to Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups (6VAC15-40)		
Brief Overview		
The Period Review Report of Findings was filed on 2/01/2022. The result of the review was that the standards should be revised. In addition to changes necessary to reflect the name change of the Board, other revisions will be made as a result of findings of Jail Death Reviews conducted pursuant to 53.1-69.1.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule (Exempt) <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	This Chapter contains 282 mandatory regulatory components and 14 discretionary components. The exact number to be removed will be unknown until the revisions begin.	
Expected Date	June 2024	