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MEMORANDUM

TO: Leonard G. Cooke, Director
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SUBJECT: Regulations Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Entry-level Law Enforcement Officers
(6 VAC 20-20)

In response to a request from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, I have reviewed the proposed regulations, 6 VAC 20-20, relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Entry-level Law Enforcement Officers. Section 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia gives the Criminal Justice Services Board the authority to promulgate regulations it deems necessary and appropriate to administer compulsory minimum training standards for entry-level law enforcement officers. Upon review of the aforesaid regulations, I find the proposed regulations to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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