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MEMORANDUM

TO: Garth L. Wheeler, Director

Department of Criminal Justice Services

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SUBJECT: Regulation Relating to Compulsory in-Service Training Standards for Law-Enforcement

Officers, Jailors or Custodial Officers, Courtroom Security Officers, Process Service – 6 VAC

20-30-80

In response to a request from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, I have reviewed the proposed regulation, 6 VAC 20-30-80, relating to compulsory in-service training standards for law-enforcement officers, jailors or custodial officers, courtroom security officers, process service. Virginia Code § 9.1-102(4) requires the Department to establish compulsory minimum curriculum requirements for in-service and advanced courses and programs for schools, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, which are operated for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers. Virginia Code § 9.1-102(1) requires the Department to adopt regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the administration of this chapter. Upon review of the aforesaid regulation, I find the proposed regulation to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by Virginia Code §§ 9.1-102(1) and 9.1-102(4) of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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