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Re: Review of Regulations
(6VAC16-20, Regulation Governing Research Involving Human Subjects)

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have reviewed the above regulations and find that the Department of Corrections has the authority to promulgate them. Further, the regulations are not in conflict with state or federal law or other administrative regulations.

A legislative change moved the responsibility for the regulations from what is now the State Board of Local and Regional Jails (6 VAC 15) to the Director of the Department of Corrections (6 VAC 16). The proposed regulations are substantially similar to the previous regulations. To affect that change in the administrative code, the regulatory fast track process appears appropriate.

Very truly yours,

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