



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Board of Corrections
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	6VAC15-11
<b>Regulation title</b>	Public Participation Guidelines
<b>Action title</b>	Repeal old/Promulgate new Model Public Participation Guidelines
<b>Final agency action date</b>	September 17, 2008
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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

Public participation guidelines exist to promote public involvement in the development, amendment, or repeal of an agency's regulations. Under §2.2-4007.02 of the Code of Virginia, every rulemaking body in Virginia is required to adopt public participation guidelines and to use these guidelines in the development of its regulations. Chapter 321 of the 2008 Acts of Assembly (effective July 1, 2009) mandates that by December 1, 2008 agencies either adopt model public participation guidelines issued by the Department of Planning and Budget or if they need to make significant changes to the model guidelines, promulgate new public participation guidelines as fast-track regulations.

The amendments repeal the current public participation guidelines and promulgate the model public participation guidelines. Highlights of the model public participation guidelines include the addition of negotiated rulemaking panels and regulatory advisory panels and instruction for notification lists.

### Statement of final agency action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

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On September 17, the Virginia Board of Corrections adopted final regulations for 6 VAC 15-11, Public Participation Guidelines in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 321 of the Act of Assembly 2008 (regular session).

### Family impact

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

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The substance of this regulation will not have a direct impact on families or family stability. This regulation ensures that interested entities have the opportunity to review and comment on regulations being considered by the Virginia Board of Corrections.