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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Leonard G. Cooke, Director  
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**FROM:** James Towey  
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**DATE:** January 9, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Regulatory Amendments - 6 VAC 20-30-10 *et seq.*

In response to a request from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, I have reviewed the proposed amendments to 6 VAC 20-30-10 *et seq.* and am of the opinion that the Department has the legal authority to amend the compulsory in-service training standards for law enforcement officers, jailers or custodial officers, courtroom security officers, process service officers and officers of the Department of Corrections, Division of Institutional Services. These standards are set forth in 6 VAC 20-30-10 *et seq.* The Department's authority to amend the standards is derived from Virginia Code § 9.1-102(1), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (39), which gives the Department, under the Criminal Justice Services Board, the power and duty to establish compulsory in-service training standards for all such persons.

Upon review of the aforesaid regulations, and in accordance with Executive Order 21 (2002), I find the proposed regulations to be constitutional, consistent with the authority granted by § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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