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MEMORANDUM

- TO: L. RICHARD MARTIN, JR. Virginia Department of Social Services
- FROM: ALLEN T. WILSON Senior Assistant Attorney General
- **DATE:** May 28, 2009
- **SUBJECT:** Final Regulation 22 VAC 40-41-10 et seq. Neighborhood Assistance Program

I have reviewed the above-referenced final regulation to determine if the State Board of Social Services ("State Board") has the statutory authority to promulgate the final regulation and if this action by the State Board is exempt from the Administrative Process Act (APA).

It appears that the State Board has the authority to promulgate the proposed regulation, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the APA, and has not exceeded that authority. The changes to the regulation are necessary to reflect the changes in Code by the adoption of Chapters 463 and 585 of the 2008 Acts of Assembly and Chapters 10 and 851 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly, which amended certain provision of the Code related to the Neighborhood Assistance Program, requiring the State Board to amend this regulation. Pursuant to 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a) of the Virginia Code, this action by the Board is exempt from the requirements of the APA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 786-0095.