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## Periodic Review and Small Business Impact Review Report of Findings

<b>Agency name</b>	Department of Criminal Justice Services
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	6 VAC20-90
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Rules Relating to Criminal Justice Training Academies
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	10/15/2025

This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19, the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Acronyms and Definitions

*Define all acronyms used in this Report, and any technical terms that are not also defined in the "Definitions" section of the regulation.*

DCJS: Department of Criminal Justice Services

### Legal Basis

*Identify (1) the promulgating agency, and (2) the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulatory change, including the most relevant citations to the Code of Virginia or Acts of Assembly chapter number(s), if applicable. Your citation must include a specific provision, if any, authorizing the promulgating agency to regulate this specific subject or program, as well as a reference to the agency's overall regulatory authority.*

The promulgating agency is the Department of Criminal Justice Services. § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia gives the agency the power and duty to establish regulations relating to criminal justice training academies.

## Alternatives to Regulation

*Describe any viable alternatives for achieving the purpose of the regulation that were considered as part of the periodic review. Include an explanation of why such alternatives were rejected and why this regulation is the least burdensome alternative available for achieving its purpose.*

DCJS does not have any viable alternatives to the regulatory changes and updates being proposed upon completion of this periodic review. The regulation enables the agency to fulfill statutory requirements established in Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Updating language and requirements that have not been subject to periodic review since 2016 will be neither burdensome nor intrusive and will not add any financial burden to the public or to small businesses.

## Public Comment

*Summarize all comments received during the public comment period following the publication of the Notice of Periodic Review, and provide the agency’s response. Be sure to include all comments submitted: including those received on Town Hall, in a public hearing, or submitted directly to the agency. Indicate if an informal advisory group was formed for purposes of assisting in the periodic review.*

Commenter	Comment	Agency response
N/A	N/A	N/A

The Notice of Periodic Review was published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations* on June 30, 2025. It was also published on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website. The public comment period began June 30, 2025 and ended July 21, 2025.

No comments were received during the public comment period. An informal advisory group was not formed for the purpose of assisting in the periodic review.

## Effectiveness

*Pursuant to § 2.2-4017 of the Code of Virginia, indicate whether the regulation meets the criteria set out in the ORM procedures, including why the regulation is (a) necessary for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and (b) is clearly written and easily understandable.*

This regulation meets the criteria set out in ORM procedures, remains necessary for the protection of public health, safety and welfare as well as to carry out the obligations for the agency set forth in Code of Virginia, Title 9.1, Chapter 1, Article 1. The regulation is clearly written and is easily understandable.

## Decision

*Explain the basis for the promulgating agency’s decision (retain the regulation as is without making changes, amend the regulation, or repeal the regulation).*

*If the result of the periodic review is to retain the regulation as is, complete the ORM Economic Impact form.*

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DCJS' decision is to retain the regulation, but the agency will be promulgating a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to amend the regulation with potential updates to regulatory language and requirements.

### **Small Business Impact**

*As required by § 2.2-4007.1 E and F of the Code of Virginia, discuss the agency's consideration of: (1) the continued need for the regulation; (2) the nature of complaints or comments received concerning the regulation; (3) the complexity of the regulation; (4) the extent to which the regulation overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with federal or state law or regulation; and (5) the length of time since the regulation has been evaluated or the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by the regulation. Also, discuss why the agency's decision, consistent with applicable law, will minimize the economic impact of regulations on small businesses.*

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(1) The continued need for this regulation is to ensure compliance of regional criminal justice training academies as required by § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia. (2) There were no complaints or comments received during the public comment period. (3) The regulation is neither overly complex nor burdensome. (4) The regulation does not overlap, duplicate, or conflict with federal or state law or regulation. (5) The regulation was last evaluated in 2018. The regulation affects training facilities and campuses operated by state or local units of government. To the extent that training facilities leased, rented, or used by state or local units of government are small businesses, the regulation is not expected to have an economic impact.

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