REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Status Report: Implementation of the Plan For the Utilization of the Juvenile Correctional Centers

TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA



HOUSE DOCUMENT NO. 49

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND 2005



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

John W. Marshall Secretary of Public Safety

June 1, 2005

Robert P. Crouch, Jr. Chief Deputy Secretary of Public Safety Barry R. Green Deputy Secretary of Public Safety

The Honorable John H. Chichester, Chairman Senate Finance Committee General Assembly Building 910 Capitol Street, 10th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Chairman House Appropriations Committee General Assembly Building 910 Capitol Street, 9th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Chairmen:

Item 445 D.2, Chapter 951 of the 2005 Virginia Acts of Assembly, directs the Secretary of Public Safety to work with the Departments of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Correctional Education (DCE), as well as the Secretary of Administration and Department of Human Resource Management, to address state employee issues related to implementation of the earlier submitted plan to better utilize the Commonwealth's Juvenile Correctional Centers. This plan, reported to the General Assembly on October 1, 2004, proposed the mothballing of Barrett Juvenile Correctional Center. Item 445 D.2 also requires a report to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees on the status of the utilization plan.

DJJ began implementing its plan immediately following the end of this past legislative session. As of April 1, 2005, all juveniles who were housed at Barrett JCC were relocated to other state facilities.

Both DJJ and DCE, in conjunction with the Department of Human Resource Management, identified and placed all Barrett employees into other positions within those agencies. This includes staff remaining at Barrett until mothballing of the facility is completed, on or about June 30, 2005, who will then be placed into other already identified jobs. In total, DJJ will have reassigned 98 employees and DCE reassigned 41 employees.

The Appropriations Act provides additional staffing for Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center in fiscal year 2006. Once those positions are hired and training is completed, a number of older wards will be moved to that facility. Full utilization of Culpeper is expected prior to the end of December 2005.

I would be happy to provide you with any additional information you may need. Please feel free to contact me if you require anything more.

Sincerely,

John W. Marshall

Secretary of Public Safety