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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Delegates

VIA: The Honorable Bruce F. Jamerson  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

FROM: Gene M. Johnson, Director of Virginia Department of Corrections

SUBJECT: Code Section 53.1-5.1  
Report on Human Research Review Committee Activities 2004-2005

Attached is the report on the Human Research Review Committee activities required by the Code of Virginia in Section 53.1-5.1. Please advise me if you need additional information regarding this report.

cc: The Honorable John W. Marshall



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## Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee Report

**FY 2005**

According to the Code of Virginia, § 53.1-5.1, The Board of Corrections shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of Chapter 5.1 (§ 32.1-162.16 et seq.) of Title 32.1 for human research, as defined in § 32.1-162.16, to be conducted or authorized by the Department. The regulations shall require the human research committee to submit to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Director or his designee at least annually a report on the human research projects reviewed and approved by the committee and shall require the committee to report any significant deviations from the proposals as approved.

During FY 2005, the Human Subject Research Review Committee reviewed 31 human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

Research Requests Fiscal Year 2005	
Status	Number
Approved Research Requests	11
Denied Research Requests	6
Research Requests Under Revision	12
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

Of the 31 human subject research requests, the Committee and the Deputy Director of Operations or the Deputy Director of Community Corrections approved 11 proposals. To date there have been no deviations from the 11 proposals as approved. Below is a list of the 11 proposals approved by the HRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections.

1. Virginia Drug Court Evaluation, Supreme Court of Virginia – review of case files

2. **The Impact of Transitioning to a Smoke-Free Environment in a State Prison on Attitudes Toward Smoking and Institutional Infractions, St. Brides Correctional Center – inmate and employee survey**
3. **A Multi-Source Model of Perceived Organizational Support and Performance, University of Tennessee – employee survey**
4. **Addiction Severity Index in Parolees and Probationers, VADOC Community Corrections/Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine – review of case files**
5. **Risk Factors and Officer Responses for Violations of Probation and Parole: A Review of Technical Violations Versus Violations of New Laws, Radford University – data extracted from the VACCIS computer system**
6. **Identifying Factors Contributing to Female Inmate Misconduct, Virginia Commonwealth University – review of inmate criminal records**
7. **Incarcerated Women, Health Care System & Major Health Conditions in Virginia, Department of Health and Human Services – interview questionnaire**
8. **National Criminal Justice Treatment Practices, Virginia Commonwealth University – department survey**
9. **Gender and the Community Corrections Workforce, Norfolk State University – employee survey**
10. **The Destructive Impulse: A Biographical Case Study, Pacifica Graduate Institute – inmate case study**
11. **“Parenting from the Inside”: Assessing a Curriculum for Incarcerated Mothers, University of Virginia – inmate survey**