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Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee Report

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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 Subject Research Review 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 2010, the Human Subject Research Review Committee reviewed 16 human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

Research Requests Fiscal Year 2010	
Status	Number
Approved Research Requests	7
Denied Research Requests	2
Research Requests Under Revisions	2
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	3
Research Extensions Granted	2
Total	16
Approval Withdrawn	1

Of the 16 human subject research requests, the Committee and the Deputy Director of Operations or the Deputy Director of Community Corrections approved 7 proposals. To date, there was only one deviation from the approved proposal and approval was withdrawn for the proposal. Below is a list of the 7 proposals approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Title	Affiliation
The Messages Evaluation Project	College of William & Mary And the University of Virginia
College Student and Inmate: Attitudes and Actions of Incarcerated Postsecondary Students	University of Virginia, Curry School of Education
Connecticut Longitudinal Study (CLS)	Yale University, Department of Pediatrics
A Survey Assessment of Prison Inmates' Knowledge about the Death Penalty in both Death Penalty and Non-Death Penalty Jurisdictions	Yale Law School*
Social Attitudes and Crime	Liberty University
A Longitudinal Study of Exposure to Family Violence	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/Lehigh University
National Longitudinal Study of Youth 1997 (NLSY97)	National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago

* Approval withdrawn