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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Glenn Youngkin  
Governor of Virginia

VIA: The Honorable Terrance C. Cole  
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

FROM: Chadwick S. Dotson, Director   
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SUBJECT: Code Section 53.1-10  
Report on Human Subject Research Review Committee Activities FY  
2024

Attached is the report on the Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee activities required by the Code of Virginia in Section 53.1-10. I have prepared copies of this report for the House and Senate as required. Please advise me if you need additional information regarding this report.



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## Virginia Department of Corrections Human Subject Research Review Committee Report FY 2024

According to the Code of Virginia, § 53.1-10, The Director of the Department 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 2024, the Human Subject Research Review Committee (HSRRC) reviewed **8** human subject research requests received by the Virginia Department of Corrections. The received research requests were processed as follows:

Research Requests Fiscal Year 2024	
Status	Number
Approved Research Requests	4
Denied Research Requests	1
Research Requests Under Revisions	1
Researchers Opting Out of the Review Process	1
Research Extensions Granted	0
Research Projects Under Initial Review	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Approval Withdrawn	0

Of the **8** human subject research requests, the Committee and the Regional Operations Chiefs approved **4** proposals. Below are the **4** new proposals approved by the HSRRC and the Virginia Department of Corrections in FY2024.

Title (Approved Research Requests)	Affiliation
Muslim Correctional Chaplaincy (Trexler)	Roanoke College, VA
Perceived Programmatic Needs (Smidl)	Radford University, VA
MASCOT Study (Sneed – Reese)	Wayne State University, MI
NORC Survey (Stern / NORC)	University of Chicago

  
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Date