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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
13th Floor, General Assembly Building
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The Honorable Luke E. Torian
House Appropriations Committee
12th Floor, General Assembly Building
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Dear Senator Lucas, Delegate Torian, and Director Maul,

Chapter 725, Item 385, subparagraph B. of the 2026 General Assembly, biennial Virginia State Budget, House Bill 30, states:

"The Department of Corrections shall provide an annual report on the status of jail construction and renovation projects as approved for funding by the General Assembly. The report shall be limited to those projects which increase bed capacity... Copies of the report shall be provided by October 1 of each year to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees and to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget."

Attached you will find the subjected report which demonstrates no projects which impact capacity were approved by the 2026 General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Walters", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph W. Walters

cc: Brian Flaherty, Executive Director of the State Board of Local and Regional Jails
Ryan McCord, Director of Administrative Compliance



Annual Report of General Assembly

Approved Jail Projects

July 9, 2026

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State Board of Local and Regional Jails (BLRJ)

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“The Department of Corrections shall provide an annual report on the status of jail construction and renovation projects as approved for funding by the General Assembly. The report shall be limited to those projects which increase bed capacity. The report shall include a brief summary description of each project, the total capital cost of the project and the approved state share of the capital cost, the number of beds approved, along with the net number of new beds if existing beds are to be removed, and the closure of any existing facilities, if applicable. The report shall include the six-year population forecast, as well as the double-bunking capacity compared to the rated capacity for each project listed. The report shall also include the general fund impact on community corrections programs as reported by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, and the recommended financing arrangements and estimated general fund requirements for debt service as provided by the State Treasurer. Copies of the report shall be provided by October 1 of each year to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees and to the Director, Department of Planning and Budget.”

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