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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas
Chairman
Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
201 North Ninth Street, Room 1223
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
201 North Ninth Street, Room 1404
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Chair Lucas and Chair Torian,

Pursuant to Item 389(D) of Chapter 2, 2026 Acts of Assembly Special Session I, please find the update below regarding the University Medical Pilot Project. Item 389(D) continues the work group originally convened under Item 390(R) of the 2019 Acts of Assembly and directs the group to report annually on the progress and outcomes of university medical pilot initiatives.

Providing specialty care onsite rather than transporting incarcerated individuals to outside medical care settings would improve quality of care and yield cost savings. The clinics will require dedicated clinical space and specialized medical equipment, therefore, implementation has been delayed due to administrative, logistical, and staffing constraints. The Department does not anticipate requesting funding until the next state budget cycle.

In 2024, representatives from the Department's Health Services Unit, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Health, and University of Virginia (UVA) Health met to explore establishing onsite specialty clinics at Beaumont Correctional Center and Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Potential services included cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, dermatology, gastroenterology, and infusion therapy.

These preliminary discussions did not result in a funding request, as the pilot initiatives were still in development and the General Assembly had not yet authorized the use of the main building at Beaumont Correctional Center as a medical facility.

Since late 2024, the Department's Health Services Unit and both university health systems have continued refining options for onsite specialty clinics. VCU Health is proposing orthopedic and ophthalmology/optometry clinics at Beaumont Correctional Center, while UVA Health is proposing infusion therapy clinics at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women and Greensville Correctional Center. The conversations regarding potential future use of Beaumont Correctional

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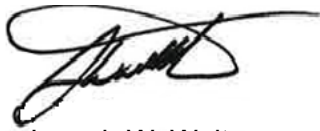
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Center delayed discussions at the time; however, the clarity regarding this topic has now permitted more meaningful discussion and planning for the future. There is also a possibility of adding orthopedic services at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women depending on the results of the infusion pilot.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you require any additional information regarding the Department's data or activities outlined in this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Walters', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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