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Department of Corrections

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A. From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008, except in the circumstances listed below, the Board of Corrections shall not approve or commit additional funds for the state share of the cost of construction, enlargement, or renovation of a local or regional jail facility:

1. Emergency projects needed to comply with Board of Corrections' standards or life safety code requirements;
2. Projects mandated through consent decrees or memoranda of understanding, pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq., and required by the United States Department of Justice;
3. Adjustments to previously approved project funding levels, which had been based on planning study estimates, to conform to the actual project costs as determined by competitive bid.
4. New jails, jail renovations, or jail expansions by the following localities or authorities:
 - a. Culpeper County
 - b. Riverside Regional Jail Authority
 - c. Rappahannock Regional Jail Authority
 - d. Gloucester County
 - e. Loudoun County

B.1. The Board of Corrections shall not approve or commit additional funds for the state share of the cost of construction, enlargement, or renovation of a local or regional jail facility, except when such project is consistent with the projected number of local and state responsible offenders to be housed in such facility.

2. The Department of Corrections shall use a peer review process to evaluate the population projections that are used to justify the need for additional regional and local jail construction. The peer review process shall include, at a minimum, staff from the State Compensation Board, Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission. The results of the peer review shall be considered by the Board of Corrections prior to the approval of any regional or local jail construction project.

C. The Board of Corrections shall not approve or commit additional funds for the state share of the cost of construction, enlargement, or renovation of a local or regional jail facility, except when such project is proposed to be built using Community Custody Facilities Standards, as adopted by the Board, unless the use of more expensive construction standards is justified, based on a documented projection of offender populations that would require a higher level of security.

