
THE USE OF SEGREGATION IN VIRGINIA’S JUVENILE DETENTION HOMES AND CORRECTIONAL CENTERS

Draft Recommendations for Public Comment

FINDING #1 – SEGREGATION IN VIRGINIA’S JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS AND CORRECTIONAL CENTERS IS USED TO ADDRESS RESIDENT AND STAFF SAFETY, FACILITY SECURITY, RESIDENT DISCIPLINE, AND ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OF CERTAIN RESIDENTS. VIRGINIA’S CURRENT REGULATIONS ON ROOM CONFINEMENT, ISOLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION/CONFINEMENT PROVIDE THE RULES FOR THE USE OF SEGREGATION.

Recommendation 1

Request the Board of Juvenile Justice, in consultation with experts in the fields of mental health and juvenile justice and child-rights advocates, to promulgate regulations on the use of room segregation in juvenile correctional facilities and detention homes.

Recommendation 2

Introduce a §1 bill to direct the Board of Juvenile Justice, in consultation with experts in the fields of mental health and juvenile justice and child-rights advocates, to promulgate regulations on the use of room segregation in juvenile correctional facilities and detention homes.

Recommendation 3

Continue to monitor the Department of Juvenile Justice’s comprehensive review of the residential requirements for juvenile correctional centers and secure juvenile detention centers which began in the summer of 2016, and request presentation updates from the department as needed.