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EMAIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheriffs with Local Jails and Regional Jail Superintendents

CC: Sheriff Participants in Regional Jails
Governing Bodies

FROM: Robyn M. de Socio, Executive Secretary

RE: Jail Screening for Mental Illness

As you are aware, budget language was approved by the 2017 General Assembly establishing a new requirement that jails screen all inmates upon admittance to jail for mental health issues, using a scientifically validated tool designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). Please see the [attached important letter](#) from Assistant Commissioner Michael Schaefer of DBHDS regarding designation of the required screening tools, plans for training, and [attached copies of the designated screening tools](#). This new requirement becomes effective July 1, 2017.

If you have questions regarding the attached letter and designation of the required screening tools, please contact Dr. Schaefer at Michael.Schaefer@dbhds.virginia.gov.

Please find the letter attachment at the following link:

<http://www.scb.virginia.gov/lidsinformation/Mental%20Health%20Screening%20Memo.pdf>

Please find copies of the designated screening instruments at the following link:

<http://www.scb.virginia.gov/lidsinformation/BJMHS%20&%20CMHS.pdf>

