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Subject: Emergency Situation and variance

The Department is notifying the Board of an emergency situation and declaration of an emergency variance pursuant to §1-15(b)(3) of the Minimum Standards. An emergency situation prevents our continued compliance with §1-17(b)(1)(ii), which requires that as June 30, 2016, inmates ages 18 through 21 be excluded from punitive segregation. This emergency variance is applicable to only 19 to 21 year olds in the Department's custody. The Department will maintain full compliance with this provision of the minimum standards for 18 year olds in our custody who are currently excluded from punitive segregation.

Details of the recent events and circumstances that culminated in the current emergency situation are set forth in the six (6) month limited variance request letter that the Department submitted to the Board on June 30, 2016.

Maintaining the safety and security of inmates and staff is critical. The nature of this emergency situation prevents the Department's continued compliance with §1-17(b)(1)(ii) as it applies to the 19 to 21 years old in our custody. The Department appreciates the Board's consideration of this matter and understands that the Board will be unable to consider our limited variance request in the next twenty-four (24) hours.

Thank you.