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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue**
Legislative Research Commission

FROM: **Randy White, Commissioner**
Department of Juvenile Justice

DATE: **September 1, 2026**

RE: **HB 500 – Renovate Louisville Detention Center Report**

In accordance with 26RS House Bill 500, the Department of Juvenile Justice is submitting this report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue to detail the status, progress, and current expenditures of the Renovate Louisville Detention Center project, as authorized in Part II, Capital Projects Budget of 24RS House Bill 6.

The deed to the Jefferson County Youth Detention Center (JCYDC) in Downtown Louisville was transferred to the Commonwealth in April 2025 after a two-year process. A contractor was quickly selected in June 2025 and work began soon after.

The contractor has been working continuously to ensure efficient completion of this project. As of August 2026, construction is 59% complete per the current schedule and invoicing.

Once completed, the facility will have 64 beds and will be used to house high level male offenders.

Current Estimated Substantial Completion Date: April 17, 2027

Expenditures to Date as of August 13th, 2026: $21,662,986.76