



News Release

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### **Stirling Confirmed by the Senate**

Bryan P. Stirling was confirmed by the South Carolina State Senate as the South Carolina Department of Corrections' permanent director shortly after 2:00pm Wednesday afternoon in the State Senate chambers in Columbia. The vote was unanimous, 33-0.

Director Stirling has served as Acting Director after replacing the retiring William R. Byars, Jr., effective October 1, 2013. He is responsible for a staff of some 5,700 employees at the Department of Corrections that operate 26 penal institutions around the state incarcerating nearly 21,400 inmates.

Prior to joining SCDC, Director Stirling served Governor Nikki Haley as her Chief of Staff from October, 2012 to September, 2013. He was a Deputy Attorney General for the State of South Carolina from January 2006 to October, 2012.