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Division of Prisons South Central Region has new director

RAEFORD -- J.C. Huggins Jr. is the new regional director for 11 state prisons in south central North Carolina.

Huggins was previously administrator of Morrison Correctional Institution, a prison for approximately 800 male medium and minimum custody inmates near Hoffman in Richmond County. He succeeds the retired Patricia Chavis.

The South Central Region includes 11 prisons holding more than 8,000 inmates in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland counties. Approximately 2,775 officers and other staff members work in the prisons.



Prior to being named administrator at Morrison Correctional in 2008, Huggins was operations manager for the South Central Region. He began his career as a correctional officer at Hoke Correctional Institution in 1986, and advanced through the ranks at the Robeson, Columbus, Lumberton and Morrison facilities and the now closed McCain Correctional Hospital.

Huggins has an associate degree in law enforcement technology from Robeson Community College, has completed the Department of Correction's Correctional Leadership Development Program and has earned the North Carolina Advanced Corrections Certification.

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