FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Venturella David J (Last) (First) (Middle) 621 NW 53RD STREET SUITE 700						3. Di 03/1	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GEO GROUP INC [GEO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2019 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									neck all ap Dire X Offic belo	tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP-Business Development		
(Street) BOCA RATON FL 33487													Lin	X Forr	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)		(State)		Zip) e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	nuired.	Dis	posed o	f. or	Bene	ficia	lly Own	ed		
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				03/11/2019		-			A		10,244	_	A	\$0.0	_	1,465 ⁽²⁾	D		
	ommon Stock 03/11/20				2019	<u> </u>		F		8,419(3)		D	\$20.4		5,046 ⁽²⁾	D			
Restricted Stock															8),000(2)	D		
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This amount of shares reflects an increase to the vested restricted stock granted on March 10, 2016 based upon the achievement of the performance-based metrics for the performance period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. This resulted in a payout of an aggregate of 25,244 shares of Common Stock.
- 2. This number has been adjusted to reflect the March 11, 2019 vesting of 15,000 shares of restricted stock.
- 3. This number reflects an aggregate of 8,419 shares of Common Stock that were surrendered in order to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24-Durable Power of Attorney

/s/Joe Negron, as Attorney-in-Fact for David J. Venturella 03/13/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all persons by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of, Brian R. Evans and Joe Negron, or either of them acting singly and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director or both of The GEO Group, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any securities exchange or similar authority, including without limitation the filing of a Form ID or any other documents necessary or appropriate to enable the undersigned to file the Forms 3, 4 and 5 electronically with the SEC;
- 3. seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to each of the undersigned's attorneys-in-fact appointed by this Limited Power of Attorney and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- 4. take any other action in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by or for, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever required, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request and on the behalf of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with, or any liability for the failure to comply with, any provision of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Limited Power of Attorney as of this 6th $\,$ day of March, 2019.

Signed and acknowledged:

/s/David J. Venturella Signature

David J. Venturella Printed Name 44396613;1

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