

**JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET**  
**Department of Corrections**  
**(Amendment)**

**501 KAR 6:280. Risk and needs assessment.**

RELATES TO: KRS 196.035, 197.020, 439.265, 439.3101, 439.3104, 439.3105, 439.331, 439.348, 439.480, 446.010

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 196.035, 197.020, 439.3101, 439.3104, 439.331

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 196.035 authorizes the secretary to promulgate administrative regulations deemed necessary or suitable for the proper administration of the functions of the cabinet or any division in the cabinet. KRS 197.020(1)(d), 439.3101(2)(a), 439.3104(1) and (2), and 439.331(1) require the Department of Corrections to promulgate an administrative regulation for the administration of a validated risk and needs assessment to assess the criminal risk factors and correctional needs of all inmates and offenders upon commitment to the department. This administrative regulation establishes the validated risk and needs assessment requirements for assessing the criminal risk factors and correctional needs of inmates and offenders.

Section 1. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) "Department of Corrections policies and procedures for risk and needs assessment," May 15, 2024, are incorporated by reference. These policies and procedures include:

29.1 Risk and Needs Assessment (Amended 1/13/20)

29.2 Case Planning (Amended 1/13/20)

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(38 Ky.R. 1918; 39 Ky.R. 212; eff. 8-31-2012; 44 Ky.R. 1396; 1860; eff. 4-6-2018; 46 Ky.R. 2320; eff. 8-4-2020; 50 Ky.R. 2477; eff. 2-4-2025.)

*COOKIE CREWS, Commissioner*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: March 4, 2024

FILED WITH LRC: May 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on July 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, 125 Holmes Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through July 31, 2024. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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