

STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY

501 KAR 6:420E.

(1) This emergency administrative regulation amendment is being promulgated pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)1 to meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare. It is being promulgated as part of a set of five (5) emergency administrative regulations designed to limit the amount of sentencing credit inmates can accrue after returning to custody because their Mandatory Reentry Supervision ("MRS") has been revoked by the Parole Board. A separate emergency administrative regulation in this set also limits the use of administrative release for revoked MRS inmates. These changes are needed to ensure revoked MRS inmates who violate the terms of their release are not eligible for a reduction of the time remaining on the minimum expiration date of their sentences. These changes will address the imminent threat to public health, safety, and welfare posed by inmates who are revoked from MRS for failure to comply with the terms of their release being immediately allowed to earn credits again.

(2) This emergency administrative regulation is necessary to prevent MRS inmates returned to custody after having MRS revoked by the Parole Board from immediately accruing sentencing credits, lessening the minimum expiration date of their sentence after having just violated the terms of their release. Therefore, an ordinary regulation does not sufficiently address the potential harm.

(3) This emergency administrative regulation will be replaced by an ordinary administrative regulation because this change is necessary to properly ensure inmates exhibiting failure to comply are not immediately allowed to earn credits and ensure if they violate the terms of their MRS that there are appropriate consequences.

(4) The companion ordinary administrative regulation is identical to this emergency regulation.

(5) An emergency administrative regulation governing a portion of the same subject matter has not been filed within the previous nine months.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
KEITH JACKSON, Secretary
COOKIE CREWS, Commissioner

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
Department of Corrections
(Emergency Amendment)

501 KAR 6:420E. Corrections policies and procedures: inmate rules and discipline.

RELATES TO: KRS Chapters 196, 197, KRS 197.045

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 196.035, 197.020, 197.110

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: 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)(a) and (b) require the Department of Corrections to promulgate administrative regulations for the government and discipline of the penitentiary, government and official conduct of all officials connected with the penitentiary, government of the prisoners in their department and conduct, and preservation of the health of the prisoners. KRS 197.110 authorizes the department to promulgate administrative regulations for purposes as the department deems necessary and proper for carrying out the intent of KRS Chapter 197. This administrative regulation establishes policies and procedures concerning inmate rules and discipline for the Department of Corrections.

Section 1. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) "Department of Corrections Policies and Procedures, Chapter 15", November 19, 2025, are incorporated by reference. Department of Corrections Policies and Procedures Chapter 15 includes:

15.1 Hair, Grooming and ID Card Standards (10/15/24)

15.2 Rule Violations and Penalties 10/15/24

15.3 Meritorious Good Time (11/19/25)

15.5 Restoration of Forfeited Good Time (11/19/25)

15.6 Adjustment Procedures and Programs (10/15/24)

15.7 Inmate Accounts (10/15/24)

15.8 Possession or Use of Unauthorized Substance and Substance Abuse Testing (10/15/24)

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COOKIE CREWS, Commissioner

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this emergency administrative regulation shall be held on January 27, 2026, 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 January 31, 2026. 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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