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Notice of Change/Withdrawal

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

33-601.504 Transition Assistance Program

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 46 No. 64, April 1, 2020 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

33-601.504 Transition Skills Program.

(1) through (7) No change.

(8) The Department is authorized to enter into contracts for transition services as follows:

(a) The Department is authorized to enter into contracts with the Agency for Workforce Innovation for the provision of job placement services.

(b) The Department is authorized to enter into contracts with the Department of Children and Family Services, the Salvation Army, and other public or private organizations, including faith-based service groups, for the provision of basic support services for releasees.

(c) The Department will provide an Inmate Re-entry Programs Registration Application, Form DC5-759, application process on the Department's public website to allow nonprofit faith-based organizations, faith-based or professional businesses, or civic or community organizations to apply for registration with the Department to provide inmate reentry services. Form DC5-759, Inmate Re-entry Programs Registration Application, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies of this form are available from the Forms Control Administrator, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500, <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>. The effective date of the form is XX/XX.

(d) The eligibility criteria that must be satisfied by the applicant are as follows:

1. The applicant must complete and submit an Inmate Re-Entry Programs Registration Application, Form DC5-759.

2. The applicant must be a nonprofit faith-based organization, a professional business, or a civic or community organization.

3. The applicant must be willing to provide its re-entry program at no cost to the Department or the inmate.

4. The applicant must be willing to provide its re-entry program at a Department institution or contracted facility.

5. The applicant must be willing to allow the Department to review and approve the program curriculum, and any subsequent revisions thereto, to ensure that the program addresses the criminogenic and/or transition needs of inmates.

6. Representatives of the applicant designated to provide programming at a Department institution or contracted facility must be willing to undergo and must pass a Level II background check. Final approval to access a Department institution or contracted facility will be made by the warden or designee in order to promote the safety, security, and good order of those institutions and facilities.

7. The applicant must be willing to adhere to all Department rules.

(e) Upon submission to the Department, the application will be reviewed by a designated Office of Programs and Re-Entry representative to ensure the application has been completed in full and all eligibility criteria have been met. The applicant will be notified in writing of the receipt and review of the application.

(f) If the application is complete and the applicant meets the eligibility criteria, the applicant will be advised to have its designated representatives obtain a Level II background check. The applicant must also provide the Department a copy of any curriculum that will be utilized by the applicant. The applicant will be placed on the Inmate Re-Entry Programs Registration Roster provided the necessary Level II background check results are approved by the Department, and the curriculum addresses the criminogenic and/or transition needs of inmates. The applicant will be notified in writing of its placement on the Inmate Re-Entry Programs Registration Roster.

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944.613, 944.7065 FS. History—New 1-19-85, Formerly 33-7.08, Amended 11-8-86, 5-18-87, 4-19-89, 5-21-92, 1-5-93, 11-16-97, Formerly 33-7.008, Amended 11-18-03,_____.