

Mission Statement

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction protects and supports Ohioans by ensuring that adult felony offenders are effectively supervised in environments that are safe, humane and appropriately secure. In partnership with communities, we will promote citizen safety and victim reparation. Through rehabilitative and restorative programming, we seek to instill in offenders an improved sense of responsibility and the capacity to become law-abiding members of society.



Public Participation

The Department may propose rules through either R.C. §111.15 of R.C. §119.03. If a statute specifically calls for rules to be filed under R.C. §119.03, a public hearing is scheduled to receive comments and input from interested stakeholders before the rule is finalized. With all rules, the Joint Committee of Agency Rule Review (JCARR) hearing provides a forum for interested parties to comment on a proposed rule.

The Legal Services division has always been responsive to inquiries regarding the Department's rule making process. With the creation of the "Ohio Register," proposed rules will also be posted in a publicly accessible forum.

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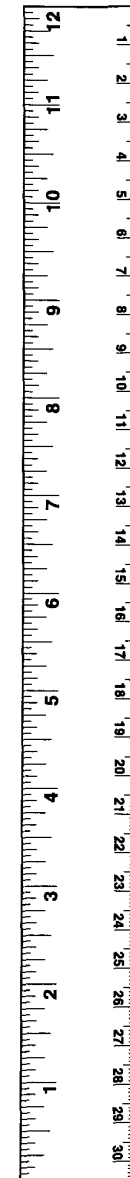


Rule Making Process

Ohio Department
of Rehabilitation
and Correction

Bob Taft, Governor

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Agency Organization

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has five divisions to carry out its duties: Office of Correctional Health Care, Office of Prisons, Office of Human Resources, Office of Business Administration and the Division of Parole and Community Services. The Division of Parole and Community Services oversees the Adult Parole Authority, the Parole Board, the Bureau of Adult Detention, the Bureau of Community Sanctions and the Office of Victim Services. The Department currently operates 31 correctional institutions ranging in security level from minimum to high-maximum.



Rule Making Authority

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is authorized to make rules to carry out its duties under the Ohio Revised Code. Significant authority is granted to the Director of the Department to manage correctional facilities and exercise executive, administrative and fiscal supervision. See R.C. §§5120.01, 5120.36, 5120.42. In addition, specific statutes may direct the Department to make rules for the execution of specific statutory duties.



Rule Making Process

Any Division or Bureau within the Department may develop and draft rules (or Administrative Regulations – AR's,) for the execution of that section's duties. A member of the Department's Legal Services staff is available for assistance in the rule drafting process. Once a rule is drafted, it is routed to the appropriate supervisory staff for input, and to avoid inconsistencies with other Department rules and regulations. A member of the Department's Legal Services staff then prepares the rule for the formal rule filing process. The rule is filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Services Commission, and the Secretary of State pursuant to statute.

