

Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Denial of Request to Hold Public Workshop

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
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33-601.722	Visiting Schedule
33-601.723	Visitation Check-In Procedures
33-601.725	Permissible Items for Visitors
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33-601.727	Visitor Conduct
33-601.731	Suspension of Visiting Privileges
33-601.732	Reinstatement of Suspended Visiting Privileges

The Secretary of the Department of Corrections, pursuant to section 120.54(2)(c), Florida Statutes, having reviewed multiple requests to hold a public workshop, and carefully considering the attendant circumstances, has determined that a public workshop is unnecessary. This determination was made based on several factors, including: the complexity of issues and logistical expertise necessary to draft rules related to inmate visitation at state correctional institutions; sensitive/classified security information; an assessment of the ability to compose a qualified and impartial panel that would be able to provide a significant contribution to the rulemaking process; and the costs associated with such a workshop that would ultimately be borne by the citizens of the State of Florida.

While a public workshop is unnecessary, the Department is sensitive to the concerns expressed in comments received thus far and anticipates that a public hearing will be held, in accordance with section 120.54(3)(c), to afford the public an opportunity to present evidence or argument on the issues. Notice of the public hearing will be published in the Florida Administrative Register as required by section 120.525(1), Florida Statutes, after the Department publishes its notice of proposed rule.