

March 5, 2018

Notice of Denial of Request to Conduct Public Workshop

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE
33-601.722	Visiting Schedule

The Secretary of the Department of Corrections, pursuant to §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 upon several factors, including: the complexity of issues and logistical expertise necessary to accommodate visitation for nearly 96,000 inmates; sensitive/classified security information; an assessment on 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 expressed concerns and has directed that a public hearing be held to afford the public an opportunity to present evidence or argument on the issues. The public hearing shall be conducted in accordance with §120.54(3)(c) and notice of the public hearing will be published in the Florida Administrative Register as required with the Notice of Proposed Rule publication.