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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 98–208

Comments

[<u>NOTE</u>: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the <u>Administrative Rules Procedures Manual</u>, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. The rule amends s. DOC 328.21 (3) and (7) (intro.). One of the proposed changes is to substitute the term "offender" for "client." Both these terms are defined by rule; see s. DOC 328.03 (24) and (25), respectively. "Client" is defined to mean ". . . a person who is committed to the custody of the department for correctional purposes and is under <u>field supervision</u> of the department, . . ." (emphasis added). "Field supervision" is addressed in s. DOC 328.04 and applies to both parole and probation supervision. "Offender" is defined to mean ". . . a probationer or parolee." Since all other subsections of current s. DOC 328.21 use the term "client," and since other portions of subs. (3) and (7) use the term "client," the analysis to the rule should explain why the terminology is being changed in these two provisions or the changes should be deleted.

b. The rule amends only the introduction to s. DOC 328.21 (7). The term "(intro.)" should be inserted after the references to sub. (7) in both the introductory clause to the rule and the treatment clause for SECTION 2.