

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Pursuant to P.A. 63 of 2011

Section 304 – Employee Cost Saving Suggestion – April 2012

Section 304 - The director of the department shall maintain a staff savings initiative program to invite employees to submit suggestions for savings costs for the department. The department shall report semiannually to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the suggestions submitted under this section, the implementation plan for those suggestions with which the department agrees, and an explanation of any disagreements with suggestions.

In order to comply with the requirement of Section 304, the Department of Corrections published an article in the FYI Employee Newsletter informing staff to submit their suggestions for cost saving suggestions. Below is an update to the October, 2011 Employee Cost Saving Suggestion Report:

| SUGGESTION | IMPLEMENTATION PLAN | REASON NOT IMPLEMENTED |
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| Inmate fans - currently store PD allows Level I and II's to purchase their own fans while Level IV are still provided by the facility. This is costing the State a lot of money and maybe it's time to revise the PD to allow all inmates to purchase their own fans. At SRF - we have 624 Level IV inmates X \$13 per fan = \$8,112 a year. | | <p>Most recently when PD 04.07.110 <i>State Issued Items and Cell/Room Furnishings</i> was revised (February of 2012), the policy requirement that cell fans be provided to prisoners who are housed in double bunked cells was evaluated.</p> <p>Based on health and safety issues, including the cell configuration and the restricted movement permitted at higher custody levels the decision was made to make no change in this policy requirement.</p> |
| Why not revise the PD to allow toilet paper in the store? State can provide maybe one roll every two weeks and the rest inmates can purchase themselves. | | <p>The recommendation to limit the toilet paper issued to prisoners and to permit prisoners to purchase any additional toilet paper desired from the prisoner store was considered when the prisoner store list was recently updated.</p> <p>To ensure that prisoners have available this basic item needed to maintain their personal hygiene and to minimize the safety and security risk which is presented when prisoners are unable to adequately clean themselves after using the toilet, the Department has made the decision to continue to provide toilet paper to prisoners housed in our facilities.</p> |