



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5120-12-07 Sanctions.

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- (A) Whenever a prisoner violates rules of the halfway house facility or the transitional control program rules of participation, the halfway house facility will take appropriate action in response to the violation behavior. Such action may include the imposition of a sanction, which may range from warning the prisoner to refrain from future violation behavior to referring the prisoner to the halfway house facility's behavioral review committee for a possible recommendation for return to a state correctional institution in accordance with division (F) of section 2967.26 of the Revised Code. The division of parole and community services and halfway house staff have discretion to reasonably impose various sanctions in response to violation behavior, as provided in the department of rehabilitation and correction policy.
- (B) When a prisoner on transitional control status is believed to have violated any major participation rule of transitional control or major rule of the halfway house facility which may warrant the return to the state correctional institution, the bureau of community sanctions and the adult parole authority are to be informed of the violation by the facility as soon as possible, but no later than the next business day following discovery of the violation.
- (C) If the decision is made to transfer a prisoner serving an indefinite sentence for a crime committed prior to July 1, 1996 to a state correctional institution as a sanction for a violation, a hearing will be held prior to the transfer. The hearing will be conducted by a parole board hearing officer or other neutral employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction and will conform with the guidelines contained in rule 5120:1-1-18 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) A behavioral review committee composed of halfway house staff is to review alleged program rule violations by prisoners sentenced for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1996 that may result in a return to the institution. Prisoners are to be provided written notice of an alleged program rule violation. If the prisoner is unavailable due to incarceration or violator-at-large status, alleged violations of program rules are to be submitted in writing to the behavioral review committee. If the prisoner is available and disputes the alleged program rule violation, the prisoner may submit information in writing to the behavioral review committee stating the reasons for his or her objection. After reviewing an alleged violation and any written information submitted by the prisoner, the committee will make a recommendation to the bureau of community sanctions regarding the prisoner's termination from the program and return to prison pursuant to rule 5120-12-08 of the Administrative Code. Prior to making its recommendation, the committee may require the prisoner to appear before the committee and submit additional information. The chair of the committee will be a member of the management of the halfway house staff.