



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5120:1-7-01 Bureau responsibility and authority.

Effective: December 7, 2019

(A) Pursuant to section 5120.10 of the Revised Code, the bureau of adult detention (hereinafter referred to as the bureau), is charged with the investigation and supervision of county and municipal jails and workhouses.

(B) The bureau shall make on-site inspections and investigations of jails in the state of Ohio. These inspections and investigations may be unannounced.

(C) Inspectors employed by the bureau shall have full access to include all areas of a jail during an inspection or investigation, all inmates being held in the jail, and all records relating to the operation of the facility. The facility's operational policies and procedures and supporting documentation shall be consolidated into a manual and provided to the inspector upon request or provided through electronic submission as required by the bureau.

(D) The inspectors employed by the bureau shall ascertain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio, contained in rules 5120:1-8-01 to 5120:1-12-19 of the Administrative Code. It is the responsibility of the jail to provide evidence of compliance with the "Standards for Jails in Ohio."

(E) The bureau may certify any jail which meets the minimum standards. The bureau may provisionally certify any jail upon completion of a compliance plan and the initiation of corrective action. The bureau may de-certify any jail upon re-inspection or determination of non-compliance. Any jail not certified or provisionally certified shall be considered non-certified.

(F) Jail officials are required to report all data, including deaths, suicides, and other critical incidents, at times and by methods determined by the bureau.

(G) The bureau may make such inspections and participate in such meetings as it deems necessary for the proper execution of the provisions of this rule. This rule shall not be construed as granting to the bureau the executive management responsibilities of local officials.



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(H) Pursuant to section 5120.10 of the Revised Code, the department of rehabilitation and correction is required to approve, before adoption by the proper officials, plans for major renovation or new construction of jails, workhouses and municipal lockups.