

Notice to Inmate Population

Public Act 11-51

Risk Reduction Earned Credit (RREC) will begin being applied to eligible offender's sentences effective 10/1/11. It should be noted that the Department of Correction has until 7/1/12 to complete the application of the retroactive portion of RREC to sentenced inmates. **During this time, credit will be implemented incrementally, on a phased in basis consistent with public safety, risk reduction, administrative purposes and sound correctional practice, at the discretion of the Commissioner.**

With the exception of a limited number, most offenders that are currently incarcerated will be eligible for RREC, all of whom will require a review of their program history, discipline history, risk level and criminal history prior to the application of such credit.

For offenders whose application of retroactive RREC will put them in close proximity to discharge, a suitable discharge plan will be put in place prior to release.

SIMPLY SAID, ALL ELIGIBLE INMATES THAT ARE IN COMPLIANCE SHALL BEGIN TO EARN RREC BEGINNING 10/1/11 AT THE RATE OF 5 DAYS PER MONTH. HOWEVER, MOST INMATES WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO DISCHARGE WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR WILL NOT HAVE THEIR RETROACTIVE RREC APPLIED TO THEIR SENTENCE IMMEDIATELY IN OCTOBER. THIS CREDIT WILL BE APPLIED IN A METHODOICAL WAY AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE HIGHLIGHTED AREAS.

Your patience, cooperation and continued positive behavior during this complicated process are appreciated and necessary to efficiently facilitate the provisions of Public Act 11-51.



Leo C. Arnone, Commissioner

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