

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE & SENTENCING REFORM

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2015

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

State of Illinois Building, Training Room 1
401 S. Clinton
Chicago, Illinois

EVALUATING REFORMS

- 1:00 – 1:10 **Opening Remarks & Administrative Issues**
Rodger Heaton, Chairman
- 1:10 – 2:45 **Commission Discussion of Potential Reforms**
1. **Expansion of Programming in IDOC**
 - a. **Education**
 - b. **Substance Abuse**
 - c. **Vocational**
 2. **Expanding Credit to Inmates for Completing Programs**
 3. **Reduce IDOC Admissions for Offenders with Short Sentences**
 4. **Use of Risk and Needs Assessment Tools From Arrest to Release**
 - a. **Ensure Use of Risk Assessment as Presently Required**
 - b. **Expand Use of Risk Assessment in Sentencing**
 - c. **Monitor and Report Compliance**
- 2:45-3:00 **Break**
- 3:00-4:40 **Commission Discussion of Potential Reforms**
5. **Reduce Collateral Consequences of Convictions**
 - a. **Reduce license barriers**
 - b. **Expand Expungement and Sealing of Convictions**
 - c. **Increase Incentives for Employers to Hire Offenders**
 - d. **Create Civil Liability Protection**
 - i. **For Employers of Offenders**
 - ii. **For Landlords Who Lease Housing to Offenders**
 6. **Reclassify Class 4 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance Offenses to Class A Misdemeanors**
 7. **Develop Incarceration Alternatives for Special Class Offenders**
 - a. **Elderly Inmates**
 - b. **Terminally Ill or Severely Medically Infirm Inmates**
- 4:40 – 5:00 **Public Comment**
Members of the public are asked to keep their comments to three minutes