



STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

BOARD POLICY NUMBER: 30-2

SUBJECT: Furlough, Work, Educational & Rehabilitative Releases from Local Correctional Facilities

DATE: June 1, 2013

- 30-2.1 **POLICY** The Board of Corrections supports and encourages furlough, work, education and rehabilitative release programs in local correctional facilities. The Board considers these programs to be important in helping an offender adjust to eventual release from the restrictions of confinement. The Board of Corrections views the furtherance of family relationships through furloughs and opportunities to continue employment or further education as positive rehabilitative activity for offenders.

The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations to govern such furlough, work, education or rehabilitative programs. The director of any work release program authorized by [COV §53.1-131](#) may, subject to regulations prescribed by the Board, extend the limits of confinement of any offender participating in a work release program under the director's authority, permit the offender a furlough for the purpose of visiting home or family. Such furlough shall be for a period to be prescribed by the director, not to exceed three days.

"Work release" means full-time employment or participation in suitable vocational training programs.

"Educational program" means a program of learning recognized by the State Council of Higher Education, the State Board of Education, or the State Board of Corrections.

"Rehabilitative program" includes an alcohol and drug treatment program, mental health program, family counseling, community service, or other community programs approved by the court having jurisdiction over the offender.

The Board of Corrections will monitor local compliance with these rules and regulations through Department of Corrections minimum standards compliance audits by the Compliance and Accreditation Unit and ongoing inspections by the Local Facilities Unit.

If an offender who has been sentenced to nonconsecutive days by the court is in violation of the rules of the jail pursuant to [COV §53.1-117](#), the sheriff or jail administrator may require the offender to serve out a portion or the entirety of the remainder of his sentence in consecutive days. Upon revoking the offender's ability to serve his sentence on nonconsecutive days, the sheriff or jail administrator shall notify in writing the court that sentenced the offender and indicate the specific violations that led to the decision.

- 30-2.2 **AUTHORITY** [Code of Virginia](#), Sections

[53.1-5](#), Powers and Duties of Board

[53.1-131](#), Provision for release of prisoner from confinement for employment, educational or other rehabilitative programs; escape; penalty; disposition of earnings.

[53.1-132](#), Furloughs from Local Work Release Programs; Penalty for Violations

- 30-2.3 **REFERENCES** None.

- 30-2.4 **IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES**

6 VAC 15-40-10 et seq., Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups

- 30-2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE** June 1, 2013

- 30-2.6 **SUPERSESSION** This policy supersedes Board Policy 30-2, dated July 16, 2003.

- 30-2.7 **REVIEW DATE** This policy must be reviewed and updated as necessary.

Adopted by the Board of Corrections on May 15, 2013.

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