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**TO:** Committee Members  
**FROM:** Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney  
**RE:** Administrative Rule Activity  
**DATE:** January 27, 2020

**Department of Corrections (DOC)**

MAR 2019 Issue No. 24 (December 27, 2019) MAR Notice No. 20-4-65

The DOC issued a NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ADOPTION of a NEW RULE regarding rental vouchers for offenders on reentry. A public hearing was held on January 16, 2020.

This proposed new rule came as a result of Senate Bill 65 (2017) which was a justice reinvestment bill. Senate Bill 65 created a supportive housing grant program to be administered by the Board of Crime Control and allowing the DOC to provide housing assistance to offenders re-entering their communities. Section 3 of Senate bill 65, codified as 46-23-1041, allows the DOC to provide up to 3 months of housing assistance to offenders when the DOC does not approve the offender's parole plan because the offender is unable to find appropriate living arrangements.

