



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Re: Freedom of Information Request #200706029

This letter is in response to your request to the Illinois Department of Corrections ("IDOC") pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.

You have submitted the following requests:

Documents sufficient to show (or from which may be derived), on a facility by facility basis, **the number of vending machines in visiting rooms**, for each of the years from 2000-2020.

Documents sufficient to show (or from which may be derived), on a facility by facility basis, **the revenue from vending machines in visiting rooms**, for each of the years from 2000-2020.

Response: Your requests, as currently written, are burdensome (5 ILCS 170/3(g)). IDOC operates over 25 facilities that include vending machines and you are seeking 20 years of records. Every facility would have to search for these records at a time when IDOC is not fully staffed at facilities or its main office due to COVID-19 restrictions. Every record discovered would then need to be reviewed for redactions by the IDOC FOIA Unit which consists of 3 persons who currently have over 75 open Freedom of Information Act requests that it must process within the statutory time frame. Attempting to comply with this request would unduly burden the staff at the facilities and the FOIA Unit at the central office. Please narrow your request by time and facility so that IDOC may better process your request.

In the event you view this response as a denial of your request, you have a right to have the denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your request for review with the PAC to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the state circuit court, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a request for review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a request for review with the PAC.

Sincerely,
Lisa Weitekamp
Freedom of Information Officer