



The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Re: Freedom of Information Request #200706037

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 request:

Documents sufficient to show (or from which may be derived), on a facility by facility basis, **the aggregate number of inmate gang status changes**, for each of the years from 2000-2020.

Response: Your request is denied pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts the release of "Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by Federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing Federal or State law." 730 ILCS 5/3-2-5(c) refers to a gang intelligence unit and that "all information collected and maintained by the unit shall be highly confidential, and access to that information shall be restricted by the department." That statute further states "due to the highly sensitive nature of the information, the information is exempt from requests for disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act as the information contained is highly confidential and may be harmful if disclosed."

You have a right to have the denial of your request 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

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.

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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