

PROPOSED CHANGE TO STANDARDS
§265
ADMISSION
265.6 VETERAN STATUS

The Commission is proposing to add 265.6-Verify Veteran Status to the Admissions Chapter in response to House Bill 875, 84th Legislature.

265.6 Verify Veteran Status.

- (a) **Each sheriff/operator shall investigate and verify the veteran status of each prisoner by using data made available from the Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) operated by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or similar service.**
- (b) **Each sheriff/ operator shall provide assistance to prisoners identified as veterans, identified through either self-report or the VRSS, in applying for federal benefits or compensation for which the prisoners may be eligible under a program administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Assistance includes, but not limited to, direct assistance by qualified claims counselor, issuance of a referral card, or similar assistance.**
- (c) **Each sheriff shall maintain a log of positive VRSS returns with identifying prisoner number and whether a referral card was issued to the identified veteran prior to his or her release. If a referral card was not issued, a reason shall be provided on the log.**

265.7 [6] Identification

265.8 [7] Telephone Use

267.9 [8] Contacting Attorney

267.10 [9] Bonding

267.11 [10] Inmate Property Checking

267.12 [11] Shower

267.13 [12] Communicable Disease

RECOMMEND: PUBLISH THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO STANDARD.