GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE & SENTENCING REFORM

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2015
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

State of Illinois Building, Training Room 1
401 S. Clinton
Chicago, Illinois

EVALUATING REFORMS

1:00 – 1:10  Opening Remarks & Administrative Issues
Rodger Heaton, Chairman

1:10 – 2:45  Commission Discussion of Potential Reforms

1. Expansion of Programming in IDOC
   a. Education
   b. Substance Abuse
   c. Vocational
2. Expanding Credit to Inmates for Completing Programs
3. Reduce IDOC Admissions for Offenders with Short Sentences
4. Use of Risk and Needs Assessment Tools From Arrest to Release
   a. Ensure Use of Risk Assessment as Presently Required
   b. Expand Use of Risk Assessment in Sentencing
   c. Monitor and Report Compliance

2:45-3:00  Break

3:00-4:40  Commission Discussion of Potential Reforms

5. Reduce Collateral Consequences of Convictions
   a. Reduce license barriers
   b. Expand Expungement and Sealing of Convictions
   c. Increase Incentives for Employers to Hire Offenders
   d. Create Civil Liability Protection
      i. For Employers of Offenders
      ii. For Landlords Who Lease Housing to Offenders
6. Reclassify Class 4 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance Offenses to Class A Misdemeanors
7. Develop Incarceration Alternatives for Special Class Offenders
   a. Elderly Inmates
   b. Terminally Ill or Severely Medically Infirm Inmates

4:40 – 5:00  Public Comment
Members of the public are asked to keep their comments to three minutes