

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Corrections

Article 15.—Grievance Procedure for Inmates

44-15-201. Special kinds of problems.

(a) If an inmate wants to bring a problem to the attention of a higher authority without going through the grievance procedure, the inmate may address as official mail a sealed letter or grievance report form to the warden of the facility, the secretary of corrections, or the state pardon attorney. However, these letters or grievance report forms should be reserved for the most difficult and complex problems. Generally, any matter that can be internally handled under the inmate grievance procedure shall not be considered as appropriate for the use of the official mail correspondence privilege.

(b) Any department of corrections or facility official who receives a complaint letter may return it to the inmate with instructions to the inmate to make use of and follow the proper grievance procedure if, in the opinion of the official, the matter is appropriate for handling through the grievance procedure.

This amendment shall be effective on and after February 15, 2002.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 75-5251, K.S.A. 75-5210; effective May 1, 1980; amended Feb. 15, 2002.)

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