

**EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE ACTION MATRIX  
ADULT TITLES 15 & 24 REGULATION REVISION  
BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

**Title 24 Substantive Proposed Revisions with Discussion Anticipated**

**LEGEND**

**Revisions:**

SD = Substantive – discussion anticipated

**Actions:**

A = Approve  
AC = Approve with changes  
D = Do not approve

**TITLE 24. PART 1 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES**

**SECTION 1231 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES.**

**1231.2.5.1 Observation cell.**

Approve changes listed below

#	Section	Proposed Revision	Revision Type (S, N, A)	Rationale / Best Practice	ESC Recommendations & Public Comments	Response to Recommendations and Comments	BSCC Rec Action (A, AC, D)	ESC Action (A, AC, D)
1	1231.2.5.1	<p><b><u>1231.2.5.1 Observation cell.</u></b>  <u>An observation cell shall:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>1. Contain a minimum of square feet as specified in Sections 1231.2.6 or 1231.2.7;</u></li> <li><u>2. Clear ceiling height of 8 feet (2438 mm) or more;</u></li> <li><u>3. Contain a toilet, wash basin and drinking fountain as specified in Section 1231.3;</u></li> <li><u>4. Equipped with a variable intensity, security-type lighting fixture which is inaccessible to the inmate occupant, control of which is located outside of the cell;</u></li> <li><u>5. The door into this room shall be provided with a view panel, a minimum of 144 square inches (92,903 mm<sup>2</sup>);</u></li> </ol>	SD	<p>An observation cell may be used as a “step-down” option for incarcerated persons who require closer observation but do not meet criteria for placement in a safety or sobering cell.</p> <p>While reviewing Part 1, Section 13-102(c) initial planning for detention facilities, Workgroup members discussed the need for a cell that would function as a “step-down” option for inmates who</p>			A	

- 6. Provide a food pass with lockable shutter, no more than 4 inches (102 mm) high, and located between 26 inches (660 mm) and 32 inches (813 mm) as measured from the bottom of the food pass to the floor;
- 7. Any wall or ceiling mounted devices must be inaccessible to the inmate occupant;
- 8. Contain a bed as specified in Section 1231.3.5; and,
- 9. Contain a desk and chair as specified in Section 1231.3.11. The desk and chair may be removable as necessary for safety.

don't need to be in a safety cell, but also aren't ready to go back to their dorm, single or double cell. The group discussed at length the necessary attributes that this new observation cell would require, ultimately choosing to propose the version shown to the left.