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### ***Jail Construction Standards Proposed***

Construction standards affecting jail construction, renovations or additions have been included in a rule proposed by the Indiana Department of Correction. The proposed requirements would affect any secure county-operated or privately-contracted detention facility in the state. While the bulk of the rule pertains to other jail matters, Section 7 of the proposal pertains to the requirements for the physical plant. One paragraph in this section would extend the construction standards currently applicable to major jail construction to future jail renovations and additions. The applicable standards are those established by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The proposed rule also specifies that the applicable standards are ACA's standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Also proposed are physical plant standards pertaining to placement of toilets in indoor exercise areas, cell square footage, lighting requirements in temporary holding areas, floor drains in cells and more. The complete proposal is available on the *Indiana Register* web site. Click [here](#) to access a copy. A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Center Room 14 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis.