243.48 VISITORS; STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

Subdivision 1. **General searches.** The commissioner of corrections, the state correctional facilities audit group, the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the legislature, state officers, and the ombudsperson for corrections may visit the inmates at pleasure, but no other persons without permission of the chief executive officer of the facility, under rules prescribed by the commissioner. A moderate fee may be required of visitors, other than those allowed to visit at pleasure. All fees so collected shall be reported and remitted to the commissioner of management and budget under rules as the commissioner may deem proper, and when so remitted shall be placed to the credit of the general fund.

Subd. 2. **Legal assistance.** Duly licensed attorneys may visit at pleasure and have reasonable access to offender clients. Law students, paralegals and other agents working under the supervision of duly licensed attorneys, shall have reasonable access to offenders during normal business hours for the purpose of providing legal services, provided they are properly identified as representing or being the agent of a duly licensed attorney.

History: *(10795) RL s 5434; 1909 c 241 s 1; 1959 c 263 s 2; 1979 c 102 s 5; 1990 c 594 art 3 s 9; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 1Sp2003 c 2 art 5 s 3; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 1Sp2019 c 5 art 3 s 9; 1Sp2021 c 11 art 9 s 17*