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SB 19 v. N – Sectional Analysis

PRISONER ACCESS TO COMPUTER/PHONE/TABLET

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners."

Section 1: Page 1, Lines 3-15; page 2, lines 1-31; page 3, lines 1-20;

This section adds an exemption to the prohibition against electronic devices for prisoners. It also adds television show ratings to the list of banned movie ratings.

Subparagraph (I) adds additional accepted uses for electronic devices including use for rehabilitative and case plan purposes, legal material access, health care access, or another purpose identified by the commissioner in regulation.

Subparagraph (4) adds language that prohibits correctional centers from charging fees for electronic device use.

Section 2: Page 3, Lines 21-27

This new section states that electronic device services are meant to supplement existing services not to replace existing services to the extent practicable. Electronic devices may not be used to replace in-person visitation.

Section 3: Page 3, Lines 28-31; page 4, line 1

This section adds clarifying language regarding the applicability of the effective date.

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