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## **CS HOUSE BILL 35**

**“An Act relating to use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners.”**

### **EXPLANATION OF CHANGES**

#### **Version N to CS Version G**

(Updated 3.13.25)

In the CS relating to the use of electronic devices for HB 35, page 3 lines 12 -17 have been modified to clarify the justifications behind allowable electronic device use. Use of electronic devices is not restricted for access relating to rehabilitation or compliance with reentry and case plans. Otherwise, HB 35 remains unchanged.

HB 35 version G includes four revisions:

- Specifies compliance with a reentry plan or case plan as one of the allowable uses. This clarifies that prisoner’s rehabilitation is included as one of the other allowable uses along with many others, like access to legal reference materials, telehealth services, and visitation opportunities, etc.
- “Only” is removed in order to clarify intent and broaden acceptable reasons for electronic device usage.
- “And may not be used for another purpose” (page 3, line 17) is removed, allowing devices to be used for other purposes not specified.
- Lines 23 – 27 on page 3 are deleted after the word “tablet”. AS 33.30.015 (f) now reads “The commissioner may not replace in-person visitation with the use of a computer or electronic tablet.” This change now allows for the implementation of new, entirely online programs.