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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

CS HOUSE BILL 35 – VERSION H

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

Section 1:

Adds an exemption (I) 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 (I) also specifies that electronic devices may not supplant in-person visitation, receiving mail, receiving health care, or in-person communication.

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

Section 2:

States that electronic devices may not be used to replace in-person visitation.

Section 3:

Adds clarifying language regarding the applicability of the effective date.

A companion measure to Senate Bill 19

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