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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 H

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In the CS relating to the use of electronic devices for HB 35, several sections 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.

CS HB 35 Version H includes five 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, such as access to legal reference materials, telehealth services, and visitation opportunities, etc.
- “Only” (page 3, line 12) 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.
- “Or as a substitution for in-person visitation, receiving mail, receiving medical services, or other in-person communication” is added to page 3, line 17 of Version H. This change guarantees that in-person services are supplemented, not supplanted, by electronic devices.
- Section 2 of Version N (page 3, lines 21 – 27) is removed as it would be redundant given the previous change.