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Summary of Changes for House Bill No. 330 Version H.A to Y

“An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners; and relating to prisoner communication reimbursement rates.”

The Senate State Affairs Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 330 (Work Order 33-LS0761\Y) makes four changes to the bill:

1. Deletes: “allow a state correctional facility operated by the state to charge a fee for electronic mail or electronic visitation services.” (Page 3, Lines 21-22 v. H.A)
2. Inserts: “allow a state correctional facility operated by the state to charge a fee for electronic mail, electronic visitation services, or electronic messaging, music, or games for an inmate or a non-incarcerated person outside of the facility.” (Page 3, Lines 21-24 v. Y)
3. Deletes: “The commissioner may not set the rate of reimbursement for the use of a telephone, a form of digital communication, or an electronic visitation service by a prisoner at a rate that exceeds that exceeds the cost of service.” (Page 3, Lines 24-26 v. H.A)
4. Inserts: “The department may enter into a contract with a for-profit technology vendor only if the contract is determined necessary by the commissioner. A contract between the department and a for-profit technology vendor may not grant the vendor sole authority to determine when a contract terminates and when or how often a device is replaced.” (Page 3, Lines 26-30 v. Y)