2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 730

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 15:709(A), (B), (C), and (D) and to enact Part II-A of Chapter
3	7 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S.
4	15:771 through 780, relative to confinement, treatment, and rehabilitation of
5	offenders; to provide for the adoption and ratification of the interstate corrections
6	compact; to provide for legislative intent and the purpose of the compact; to provide
7	for definitions; to authorize the state to contract with other party states for the
8	confinement of inmates; to provide for the requirements of the contract; to provide
9	for the rights of the states and inmates subject to the provisions of the compact; to
10	provide for the duties of the receiving states; to provide relative to the receiving
11	state's review of actions taken by the sending state; to provide for the acceptance of
12	federal aid; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for withdrawal from and
13	termination of the compact; to provide relative to the impact of the compact on other
14	agreements or arrangements made with states that are not a part of the compact; to
15	provide for the powers of the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and
16	Corrections; and to provide for related matters.
17	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
18	Section 1. R.S. 15:709(A), (B), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and
19	Part II-A of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of
20	R.S. 15:771 through 780, is hereby enacted to read as follows:
21	§709. Prisoners convicted in other states and housed in Louisiana
22	A. A Except as provided by Part II-A of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the
23	Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a prisoner convicted and sentenced to
24	incarceration by a court in another state shall not be housed for the commission of

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that offense in a state correctional facility in Louisiana; however, nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the prosecution, sentencing, or incarceration of any person for the commission of a criminal offense in the state of Louisiana.

B. A Except as provided in R.S. 15:774, a prisoner convicted and sentenced to incarceration by a court in another state who is housed in a local jail or private correctional facility in Louisiana shall not be released in this state. Any prisoner housed in a local jail or private correctional facility shall be returned to an appropriate correctional facility located within the state where he was convicted and sentenced for release in that state.

C. A Except as provided by Part II-A of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a prisoner convicted and sentenced by another state shall not be housed in a local jail or private correctional facility if the prisoner would be classified as maximum custody by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections classification procedure.

D. The Except as provided by Part II-A of Chapter 7 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the state where the prisoner was convicted and sentenced shall be responsible for the costs associated with returning the prisoner to that state.

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PART II-A. INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT

§771. Purpose and policy

The party states, desiring by common action to fully utilize and improve their institutional facilities and provide adequate programs for the confinement, treatment, and rehabilitation of various types of offenders, declare that it is the policy of each of the party states to provide such facilities and programs on a basis of cooperation with one another, thereby serving the best interests of such offenders and of society and effecting economies in capital expenditures and operational costs. The purpose of this compact is to provide for the mutual development and execution of such programs of cooperation for the confinement, treatment, and rehabilitation of offenders with the most economical use of human and material resources.

1	§772. Definitions
2	As used in this compact, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
3	(1) "Inmate" means a male or female offender who is committed under
4	sentence to or confined in a penal or correctional institution.
5	(2) "Institution" means any penal or correctional facility, including but not
6	limited to a facility for persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability, in
7	which inmates as defined in Paragraph (1) of this Section may lawfully be confined.
8	(3) "Receiving state" means a state party to this compact to which an inmate
9	is sent for confinement other than a state in which conviction or court commitment
10	was had.
11	(4) "Sending state" means a state party to this compact in which conviction
12	or court commitment was had.
13	(5) "State" means a state of the United States, the United States of America,
14	a territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the
15	commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
16	§773. Contracts
17	A. Each party state may make one or more contracts with any one or more
18	of the other party states for the confinement of inmates on behalf of a sending state
19	in institutions situated within receiving states. Any such contract shall provide for
20	the following:
21	(1) The duration of the contract.
22	(2) Payments to be made to the receiving state by the sending state for
23	inmate maintenance, extraordinary medical and dental expenses, and any
24	participation in or receipt by inmates of rehabilitative or correctional services,
25	facilities, programs, or treatment not reasonably included as part of normal
26	maintenance.
27	(3) Participation in programs of inmate employment, if any; the disposition
28	or crediting of any payments received by inmates on account thereof; and the
29	crediting of proceeds from or disposal of any products resulting therefrom.
30	(4) Delivery and retaking of inmates.

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B. The terms and provisions of this compact shall be a part of any contract entered into under the terms of the compact and the provisions of this Part, and nothing in any such contract shall be inconsistent with the compact or the provisions of this Part.

§774. Procedures and rights

A. Whenever the duly constituted authorities in a state party to this compact, which has entered into a contract pursuant to R.S. 15:773, shall decide that confinement in, or transfer of an inmate to, an institution within the territory of another party state is necessary or desirable in order to provide adequate quarters and care or an appropriate program of rehabilitation or treatment, such official may direct that the confinement be within an institution within the territory of the other party state, the receiving state to act in that regard solely as agent for the sending state.

B. The appropriate officials of any state party to this compact shall have access, at all reasonable times, to any institution in which it has a contractual right to confine inmates for the purpose of inspecting the facilities thereof and visiting such of its inmates as may be confined in the institution.

C. Inmates confined in an institution pursuant to this compact shall at all times be subject to the jurisdiction of the sending state and may at any time be removed therefrom for transfer to a prison or other institution within the sending state, for transfer to another institution in which the sending state may have a contractual or other right to confine inmates, for release on probation or parole, for discharge, or for any other purpose permitted by the laws of the sending state. However, the sending state shall continue to be obligated to such payments as may be required pursuant to the terms of any contract entered into under the terms of R.S. 15:773.

D. Each receiving state shall provide regular reports to each sending state on the inmates of that sending state who are in institutions pursuant to this compact including a conduct record of each inmate and shall certify such record to the official

of his record in determining and altering the disposition of the inmate in accordance with the law which may obtain in the sending state and in order that the same may be a source of information for the sending state.

E. All inmates who may be confined in an institution pursuant to this compact shall be treated in a reasonable and humane manner and shall be treated equally with such similar inmates of the receiving state as may be confined in the same institution. The fact of confinement in a receiving state shall not deprive any inmate so confined of any legal rights which the inmate would have had if confined in an appropriate institution of the sending state.

F. Any hearing or hearings to which an inmate confined pursuant to this compact may be entitled by the laws of the sending state may be had before the appropriate authorities of the sending state, or of the receiving state if authorized by the sending state. The receiving state shall provide adequate facilities for such hearing as may be conducted by the appropriate officials of a sending state. In the event such hearing or hearings are had before officials of the receiving state, the governing law shall be that of the sending state and a record of the hearing or hearings as prescribed by the sending state shall be made. The record together with any recommendations of the hearing officials shall be transmitted forthwith to the official or officials before whom the hearing would have been had if it had taken place in the sending state. In any and all proceedings held pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection, the officials of the receiving state shall act solely as agents of the sending state and no final determination shall be made in any matter except by the appropriate officials of the sending state.

G. Any inmate confined pursuant to this compact shall be released within the territory of the sending state unless the inmate and the sending and receiving states shall agree upon release in some other place. The sending state shall bear the cost of such return to its territory.

H. Any inmate confined pursuant to this compact shall have any rights and all rights to participate in and derive any benefits or incur or be relieved of any

obligations or have such obligations modified or his status changed on account of any action or proceeding in which he could have participated if confined in any appropriate institution of the sending state located within such state.

I. The parent, guardian, trustee, or other person or persons entitled under the laws of the sending state to act for, advise, or otherwise function with respect to any inmate shall not be deprived of or restricted in his exercise of any power in respect of any inmate confined pursuant to the terms of this compact.

§775. Receiving state review of sending state acts; extradition

A. Any decision of the sending state in respect of any matter over which it retains jurisdiction pursuant to this compact shall be conclusive upon and not reviewable within the receiving state, but if at the time the sending state seeks to remove an inmate from an institution in the receiving state there is pending against the inmate within such state any criminal charge or if the inmate is formally accused of having committed within such state a criminal offense, the inmate shall not be returned without the consent of the receiving state until discharged from prosecution or other form of proceeding, imprisonment, or detention for such offense. The duly accredited officer of the sending state shall be permitted to transport inmates pursuant to this compact through any and all states party to this compact without interference.

B. An inmate who escapes from an institution in which he is confined pursuant to this compact shall be deemed a fugitive from the sending state and from the state in which the institution escaped from is situated. In the case of an escape to a jurisdiction other than the sending or receiving state, the responsibility for institution of extradition or rendition proceedings shall be that of the sending state, but nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prevent or affect the activities of officers and agencies of any jurisdiction directed toward the apprehension and return of an escapee.

§776. Federal aid

Any state party to this compact may accept federal aid for use in connection with any institution or program, the use of which is or may be affected by this

compact or any contract pursuant thereto. Any inmate in a receiving state pursuant to this compact may participate in any such federally aided program or activity for which the sending and receiving states have made contractual provision. However, if such program or activity is not part of the customary correctional regimen, the express consent of the appropriate official of the sending state shall be required therefor.

§777. Effectiveness

This compact shall enter into force and become effective and binding upon the states so acting when it has been enacted into law by any two states. Thereafter, this compact shall become effective and binding as to any other of such states upon similar action by such state.

§778. Withdrawal and termination

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon a party state until it enacts legislation repealing the compact and providing for the sending of formal written notice of withdrawal from the compact to the appropriate officials of all other party states. An actual withdrawal shall not take effect until one year after the notices provided in the statute have been sent. Such withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing state from its obligations assumed hereunder prior to the effective date of withdrawal. Before the effective date of withdrawal, a withdrawal state shall remove to its territory, at its own expense, such inmates as it may have confined pursuant to the provisions of this compact.

§779. Other arrangements unaffected

Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to abrogate or impair an agreement or other arrangement which a party state may have with a nonparty state for the confinement, rehabilitation, or treatment of inmates, nor to repeal any other laws of a party state authorizing the making of cooperative institutional arrangements.

§780. Construction and severability

A. The provisions of this compact shall be liberally construed and shall be severable. If any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this compact is declared

HB NO. 730 **ENROLLED** 1 to be contrary to the constitution of any participating state or of the United States or 2 the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held 3 invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to 4 any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If 5 this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating 6 therein, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states 7 and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters. 8 B. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is 9 authorized and directed to do all things necessary or incidental to the carrying out of 10 the compact in every particular. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____