

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 725

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMN: Provides relative to telecommunication services to persons incarcerated in a correctional facility

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:714 and R.S. 39:1756, relative to telecommunication services to persons
3 incarcerated in correctional facilities; to prohibit telecommunication services from
4 charging the person incarcerated in a correctional facility or the person accepting the
5 call from the incarcerated person; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:714 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §714. Telecommunication services at correctional facilities; charges prohibited;
9 compliance with Louisiana Procurement Code

10 A. No telecommunication service provided to persons who are incarcerated
11 in correctional facilities shall include a charge to the incarcerated person or to the
12 person accepting a telephone call from the incarcerated person.

13 B. Any negotiation for procurement of telecommunication services at
14 correctional facilities shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the
15 requirements of telecommunication procurement procedures under the provisions of
16 the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1751 et seq.

17 Section 2. R.S. 39:1756 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

18 §1756. Telecommunication services at correctional facilities; charges prohibited

19 A. No telecommunication service provided to persons who are incarcerated
20 in correctional facilities shall include a charge to the incarcerated person or to the
21 person accepting a telephone call from the incarcerated person.

1 B. No contract for telecommunication services provided to persons
2 incarcerated in correctional facilities in the state shall include provisions which
3 authorize charges to the person incarcerated in the correctional facility or the person
4 accepting a telephone call from the incarcerated person.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits a telecommunication service from charging persons incarcerated in a correctional facility or the person accepting a call from the incarcerated person.

Present law authorizes the office of telecommunications management, through the state purchasing office, to enter into telecommunication services contracts on behalf of any state agency.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits any telecommunication service from charging a person incarcerated in a correctional facility or any person accepting a call from the incarcerated person, and prohibits any contract for telecommunication services provided to persons incarcerated in correctional facilities in the state from including provisions which authorize charges to the person incarcerated in the correctional facility or the person accepting a telephone call from the incarcerated person.

(Adds R.S. 15:714 and R.S. 39:1756)