

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 994

2016 Regular Session

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CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Provides relative to contracts for additional housing for individuals in the custody of the DPS&C

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires the secretary to include in the plan for the housing of individuals in the custody of DPS&C, the projected long term price increases involved in a contract with a private correctional facility.
2. Exempts West Carroll Parish from proposed provisions requiring a detailed analysis and submission and approval of a plan to address a housing shortage.
3. Requires joint approval of the House Criminal Justice Committee and Senate Committee on Judiciary B, instead of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, of any plan for changes in the housing of individuals in the custody of DPS&C.
4. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires that before there is an expansion of a state correctional facility or a contract or other agreement with a local or private correction facility for the housing of individuals in the custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, the secretary of the department shall prepare a detailed analysis reflecting the need for the expansion, as well as a recommended plan to remedy the shortage of housing. The plan shall include long term price increases for contracts with private correctional facilities.

Proposed law provides for the criteria and elements to be considered in the analysis and plan and requires the plan to be submitted to both the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B for joint approval.

Proposed law shall not apply in West Carroll Parish.

Present law authorizes state and local government contracts with private prison contractors for the design, construction, and operation of correctional facilities. Present law provides for definitions, contract requirements, and powers and duties not delegable to contractors.

Present law further prohibits any contract that has not been approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that any contract by the department reflect the recommended plan jointly approved by the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and that any contract submitted for approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget be accompanied by a copy of the plan.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 39:1800.4(A) and (F); Adds R.S. 15:834.2)