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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes Commissioner of Corrections to establish program to operate managed cellular access system within State correctional facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning managed cellular access systems in State
2 correctional facilities and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill):

10 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Corrections.

11 "Managed cellular access system" means a communications
12 system consisting of technology and equipment which deploy a
13 secure cellular communications network within the bounds of a
14 State correctional facility to permit the authorized transmission of
15 voice, text messages, images, and other data to and from cellular
16 telephones and other wireless communications devices.

17 "State correctional facility" or "facility" means a State
18 correctional institution or facility listed in section 8 of P.L.1976,
19 c.98 (C.30:1B-8).

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21 2. a. The commissioner is authorized to establish a program
22 within the department to install and operate at a State correctional
23 facility a managed cellular access system.

24 b. If a managed cellular access system is established pursuant
25 to subsection a. of this section, the commissioner shall ensure that
26 the managed cellular access system shall:

27 (1) operate in a manner consistent with federal law;

28 (2) not interfere with the transmission or reception of 9-1-1 and
29 other emergency communications;

30 (3) operate at the lowest possible transmission power level
31 necessary to permit the authorized transmission of voice, text
32 messages, images, and other data to and from cellular telephones
33 and other wireless communications devices; and

34 (4) operate in a manner that does not interfere with the
35 transmission and reception of signals from cellular telephones and
36 other wireless communications devices that originate and terminate
37 outside of a State correctional facility, by operating the managed
38 cellular access system on a directionalized basis, by utilizing all
39 other interference-limiting capabilities of the managed cellular
40 access system, or by otherwise limiting the operation of the
41 managed cellular access system.

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43 3. The commissioner shall annually report to the Governor,
44 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
45 Legislature, on the effectiveness of the program if the program is
46 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
47 before the Legislature as this bill).

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
2 inoperative for 60 days following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections
8 (commissioner) to establish a program within the Department of
9 Corrections to install and operate within State correctional facilities
10 a managed cellular access system. A managed cellular access
11 system is a communications system consisting of technology and
12 equipment which deploys a secure cellular communications network
13 within the bounds of a State correctional facility to permit the
14 authorized transmission of voice, text messages, images, and other
15 data to and from cellular telephones and other wireless
16 communications devices.

17 If established, the bill requires the commissioner to implement a
18 managed cellular access system that does not interfere with 9-1-1
19 and other emergency communications and that operates at the
20 lowest possible transmission power level necessary to manage the
21 authorized transmission and reception of signals from cellular
22 telephones and other wireless communications devices originating
23 from or terminating within State correctional facilities. The bill
24 also prohibits the system from interfering with the transmission and
25 reception of signals from cellular telephones and other wireless
26 communications devices originating from and terminating outside
27 of State correctional facilities.

28 If established, the commissioner is to annually report to the
29 Governor and the Legislature on the effectiveness of the program.