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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SANCHEZ, DELLOSO, SCHWEYER, OTTEN AND HOWARD, MARCH 16, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 16, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the construction and operation of private  
2 correctional institutions and immigration detention centers  
3 in this Commonwealth.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Ban on  
8 Private Correctional Institutions and Immigration Detention  
9 Centers Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Immigrant detention center." A facility that holds, houses,  
15 detains or otherwise imprisons individuals identified as  
16 immigrating to the United States.

17 "Private correctional institution." A facility, prison or  
18 jail for incarcerated individuals that is owned and operated by

1 an individual or a company other than the Federal Government.

2 Section 3. Prohibition on construction and operation of private  
3 correctional institutions and immigration detention  
4 centers.

5 On or after the effective date of this section, a private  
6 correctional institution or an immigration detention center may  
7 not be constructed or operated within this Commonwealth.

8 Section 4. Prohibition on contracts with private correctional  
9 institutions and immigration detention centers.

10 On or after the effective date of this section, the  
11 Commonwealth or a political subdivision may not contract with a  
12 private correctional institution or an immigration detention  
13 center for the incarceration of individuals or immigrants.

14 Section 5. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect immediately.