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SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires youth development centers, local jails, and Department of Correction (DOC) facilities that provide telephone services for juvenile detainees and inmates to utilize a minimum of two vendors. Specifies that if a center is under contract with a vendor to provide telephone services, then this requirement applies upon the expiration, renewal, termination, or modification of the contract.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Children Services (DCS), the Department currently utilizes two vendors for telephone services; therefore, fiscal impact to DCS resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by DOC, the Department currently has one revenue generating contract for telephone services provided to offenders in DOC facilities and relies on such commissions as part of their administrative budget.
- According to DOC, the projected revenue from telephone calls in FY22-23 is estimated to be \$7,692,000. DOC will receive an estimated 72 percent or \$5,538,000 (\$7,692,000 x 72.0%) of such revenue as commission from this contract.
- Requiring DOC to utilize a minimum of two vendors will require the Department to procure additional service contracts for such services. This analysis assumes the current call volume and telephone rate per minute will remain similar.
- It is reasonably assumed any new contracts DOC enters into for telephone services as a result of the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the amount of revenue the Department currently receives in commissions; therefore, any fiscal impact to DOC is estimated to be not significant.
- This analysis assumes that most local jails currently utilize one vendor to provide telephone services for juvenile inmates.
- Requiring local jails to utilize a minimum of two vendors for telephone services will require them to procure additional service contracts for such services. It is assumed that the cost of procuring such services and any impacts to local operations will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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