

HOUSE BILL 224

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37  
and Title 41, relative to telephone calls.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

If a youth development center provides telephone services to children who are committed to the department of children's services, then the center shall provide the telephone services at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is the parent or guardian of the caller.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

If a jail provides telephone services to prisoners committed to the jail, then the jailer shall provide the telephone services to prisoners who are under eighteen (18) years of age at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is the parent or guardian of the caller.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

If the department of correction provides telephone services to inmates, then the department shall provide the telephone services to inmates who are under eighteen (18) years of age at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is the parent or guardian of the caller.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.