

HOUSE BILL 479

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

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:

The department of children's services shall provide persons in their custody and confined in a youth development center with accessible, functional voice communication services free of charge to the person initiating and the person receiving the communication.

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

A jail shall provide persons in their custody and confined in the jail with accessible, functional voice communication services free of charge to the person initiating and the person receiving the communication.

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

The department of correction shall provide persons in their custody and confined in a correctional facility with accessible, functional voice communication services free of charge to the person initiating and the person receiving the communication.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.