



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5672**

*February Session, 2002*

**AN ACT CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM A  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) In any contract entered  
2 into by the state on and after the effective date of this section for  
3 telephone services to be provided to inmates housed in any facility  
4 under the control of the Commissioner of Correction, there shall be no  
5 provision for the state to realize any commission or other financial gain  
6 from the use of telephone services by such inmates. Said commissioner  
7 shall include the cost to the inmates and their families as an explicit  
8 factor in the criteria in the request for proposals for such contract. In  
9 determining which contract proposal is the most advantageous to the  
10 state, the Chief Information Officer of the state shall give a preference  
11 for lower cost to the inmates and their families.

12       (b) The Chief Information Officer of the state shall provide for an  
13 option to be made available to inmates, in lieu of collect calls, for  
14 payment of telephone service by use of a debit account system or other  
15 similar system under which funds may be deposited into an inmate's  
16 account in order to pay for the total cost of station-to-station telephone  
17 service for such inmate. Not later than one year after the effective date  
18 of this section, the Commissioner of Correction shall provide such  
19 option at one facility under his or her control. Said commissioner shall  
20 give notice of such option, or provide for notice to be given, to the

21 inmates and their families.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**FIN**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*