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AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

No Fiscal Impact

The amendment specifies that voice or other communication service cannot be used to supplant in-person visits for juveniles in a detention facility. It requires that all communication services for juveniles must be free of charge. This change is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the Judicial Department already does not charge juveniles for calls.

Currently, the Judicial Department allows each juvenile 15 minutes per day for the call to a parent, or legal guardian, as well as additional calls to attorneys, probation officers, and DCF staff. Juveniles can earn additional phone call time based on the behavior motivation program.

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