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HOUSE BILL NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

CORRECTIONS: Revises the definition of "contraband" to include component hardware of telecommunications equipment

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:402(D)(9) and (E)(7), relative to contraband on the grounds
3 of correctional institutions; to add component hardware of telecommunications
4 equipment in the definition of "contraband"; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:402(D)(9) and (E)(7) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §402. Contraband defined; certain activities regarding contraband in penal
9 institutions prohibited; penalty; disposition of seized contraband

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11 D. "Contraband" as used herein means:

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13 (9) Any telecommunications equipment or component hardware, including
14 but not limited to cellular phones, pagers, beepers, ~~or~~ global satellite system
15 equipment, subscriber identity module (SIM) cards, portable memory chips,
16 batteries, and chargers, whether or not such equipment may be intended for use in
17 planning or aiding an escape or attempt to escape from any institution, unless
18 authorized by the warden of the institution.

19 E. It shall be unlawful to possess or to introduce or attempt to introduce into
20 or upon the premises of any municipal or parish prison or jail or to take or send or

1 attempt to take or send therefrom, or to give or to attempt to give to an inmate of any
2 municipal or parish prison or jail, any of the following articles which are hereby
3 declared to be contraband for the purpose of this Section, to wit:

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5 (7) Any telecommunications equipment or component hardware, including
6 but not limited to cellular phones, beepers, ~~or~~ global positioning satellite system
7 equipment, subscriber identity module (SIM) cards, portable memory chips,
8 batteries, and chargers, whether or not such equipment may be intended for use in
9 planning or aiding an escape or attempt to escape from any institution.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds component hardware of telecommunications equipment to the definition of "contraband".

Present law prohibits the introduction or possession of contraband on the grounds of any state correctional institution or any municipal or parish prison.

Present law defines "contraband" and includes in that definition any telecommunications equipment, including but not limited to cellular phones, beepers, or global positioning satellite system equipment, whether or not such equipment may be intended for use in planning or aiding an escape or attempt to escape from any institution.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and further adds any component parts of the telecommunications equipment including subscriber identity module (SIM) cards, portable memory chips, batteries, and chargers.

(Amends R.S. 14:402(D)(9) and (E)(7))