

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 645

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides relative to inmate visitation

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:833(A)(1)(a), relative to inmate visitation; to require in-  
3 person visitation except under certain circumstances; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:833(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §833. Inmate contact with persons outside institution; temporary release

8 A.(1)(a) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
9 may authorize visits and correspondence under reasonable conditions between  
10 inmates and approved friends, relatives, and other persons. Visits authorized  
11 pursuant to this Section shall be conducted in-person unless the inmate agrees to  
12 visitation in another form or if the warden of the facility determines that an in-person  
13 visitation would cause a substantial risk to the safety and security of the facility or  
14 the persons involved in the visitation.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires inmate visitation to be conducted in person unless waived by the inmate or if the warden determines that an in-person visitation would cause a substantial risk to the safety and security of the facility or the persons involved in the visitation.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to authorize visits and correspondence under reasonable conditions between inmates and approved friends, relatives, and other persons.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that visits authorized pursuant to present law shall be conducted in-person unless the inmate agrees to visitation in another form or if the warden of the facility determines that an in-person visitation would cause a substantial risk to the safety and security of the facility or the persons involved in the visitation.

(Amends R.S. 15:833(A)(1)(a))