

SENATE BILL 2021

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

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 language as a new, appropriately designated section:

If a youth development center provides telephone services to children who are committed to the department of children's services, the center shall provide the telephone services at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is a parent or guardian of the caller.

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

If a jail provides telephone services to prisoners committed to the jail, the jailer shall provide the telephone services to prisoners who are under eighteen (18) years of age at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is a parent or guardian of the caller.

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

If the department of correction provides telephone services to inmates, the department shall provide the telephone services to inmates who are under eighteen (18) years of age at no cost to the caller or receiving party when the receiving party is a parent or guardian of the caller.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.