

SENATE BILL 2507

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

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 as a new section:

If a youth development center provides telephone services to juveniles who are committed to the department of children's services, then the center shall reduce the cost of telephone services in effect on July 1, 2022, by at least fifty percent (50%) by July 1, 2025.

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

If a jail provides telephone services to prisoners committed to the jail, then the jailer shall reduce the cost of telephone services in effect on July 1, 2022, by at least fifty percent (50%) by July 1, 2025.

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

If the department of correction or a vendor contracted with the department of correction provides telephone services to inmates, then the department or vendor contracted with the department of correction shall reduce the cost of telephone services in effect on July 1, 2022, by at least fifty percent (50%) by July 1, 2027.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.