

AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRECTIONS; PLACING CONDITIONS ON CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE INMATES WITH ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR JAIL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. CONTRACT TO PROVIDE INMATES WITH ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR JAIL-- CONDITIONS. --

A. A contract to provide inmates with access to telecommunications services in a correctional facility or jail shall be negotiated and awarded to an entity that meets the correctional facility's or jail's technical and functional requirements for services, and that provides the lowest cost of service to inmates or any person who pays for inmate telecommunication services.

B. A contract to provide inmates with access to telecommunications services in a correctional facility or jail shall not include a commission or other payment to the operator of the correctional facility or jail based upon amounts billed by the telecommunications provider for telephone calls made by inmates in the correctional facility or jail.

C. As used in this section:

(1) "correctional facility" means a state

correctional facility or a privately operated correctional facility; and

(2) "jail" means a county jail, a municipal jail or a privately operated jail. _____