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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 572, L.D. 767, Bill, “An Act To Ensure the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1556-A in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1556-A in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes, instead of requires as in the bill, the sheriff of a county jail to provide for in-person visitation between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner, subject to any conditions and limitations required for the safety and security of the jail as determined on a case-by-case basis by the sheriff. The amendment also authorizes, instead of requires as in the bill, the sheriff to provide opportunities for in-person visitation involving physical contact between a prisoner and a visitor of the prisoner, subject to any conditions and limitations required for the safety and security of the jail as determined on a case-by-case basis by the sheriff.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT