Senate Bill No. 234–Senators Scheible, D. Harris, Nguyen and Ohrenschall

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AN ACT relating to offenders; providing for the establishment of a pilot program to provide telephone calls free of charge between certain offenders and the families of such offenders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires the Department of Corrections to establish and administer a pilot program to provide telephone calls free of charge between offenders in the custody of the Department who have been assigned to Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center and the families of such offenders. Section 1 requires the pilot program to provide such an offender with a 15-minute telephone call each day to a member of the family of the offender free of charge. Finally, section 1 requires the Department to prepare and submit to the Board of State Prison Commissioners a report concerning the participation of offenders in the pilot program.

Section 2 of this bill expires the provisions of **section 1** on January 1, 2025.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** 1. The Department of Corrections shall establish and administer a pilot program to provide telephone calls between offenders in the custody of the Department who have been assigned to Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center and the families of such offenders. The program must:
- (a) Be designed to facilitate and encourage a continuing relationship between the offenders and the families of such offenders; and
- (b) Provide each offender with a 15-minute telephone call each day to a member of the family of the offender free of charge.
- 2. The Department may adopt regulations to administer the provisions of this section.
- 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize an offender to communicate with a person if the offender is otherwise prohibited by law or court order from communicating with the person.
- 4. On or before July 1, 2024, the Department shall submit to the Board of State Prison Commissioners a report with its findings concerning the participation of offenders in the pilot program.



Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and on July 1, 2023, for all other purposes, and expires by limitation on January 1, 2025.

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