

By Senator Bullard

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to private correctional facilities;  
3           amending s. 957.04, F.S.; requiring that a contractor  
4           provide certain minimum services at designated  
5           visiting areas in a private correctional facility;  
6           providing for application of the act; providing an  
7           effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (1) of  
12           section 957.04, Florida Statutes, to read:

13           957.04 Contract requirements.—

14           (1) A contract entered into under this chapter for the  
15           operation of private correctional facilities shall maximize the  
16           cost savings of such facilities and shall:

17           (i) Require that the contractor provide, at a minimum, the  
18           following services at designated visiting areas for approved  
19           visitors in the private correctional facility:

20           1. Information relating to applicable visiting regulations,  
21           dress codes for visitors, and visiting procedures.

22           2. A sheltered area, outside the security perimeter, where  
23           visitors may wait before and after visiting inmates.

24           3. Food services, including foods that are nutritious and  
25           acceptable for children and youth visitors.

26           4. Minimal equipment and supplies that assist staff and  
27           visitors in managing and occupying the time and meeting the  
28           needs of children and youth visitors.

29           Section 2. This act applies to contracts entered into,

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30 extended, or readopted on or after July 1, 2011, and to all  
31 contracts on or after July 1, 2012.

32 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.