

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to prisoner communication services;
3 creating s. 944.8033, F.S.; requiring the Department
4 of Corrections to provide prisoners daily voice
5 communication services, free of charge; requiring the
6 department to maintain a certain ratio of prisoners to
7 operable voice communication devices; authorizing the
8 supplementation of voice communication services with
9 other communication services; requiring such services
10 to be provided free of charge; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 944.8033, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 944.8033 Prisoner communication services; free of charge
18 and minimum daily duration.—The department shall provide to each
19 prisoner in the correctional system, in a state correctional
20 institution, or in a detention facility with free of charge
21 voice communication services for a minimum of 15 minutes per day
22 and shall maintain a 10-to-1 ratio of prisoners in custody to
23 operable voice communication devices in each living unit. Voice
24 communication services may be supplemented with other
25 communication services, including, but not limited to, video
26 communication and electronic mail services. To the extent that
27 such voice communication services or any other communication
28 services are provided, each such service must be provided free
29 of charge to the person initiating and to the person receiving

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30 the communication.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.