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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the charging of a person who has been committed to the custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) for using a telecommunication service or the person accepting the communication from the incarcerated person.

Proposed law (R.S. 15:822) provides that no telecommunication service provided to a person who has been committed to the custody of DPS&C shall include a charge to the incarcerated person or to the person accepting a telephone call from the incarcerated person.

Proposed law provides that any negotiation for procurement of telecommunication services by DPS&C shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the requirements of telecommunication procurement procedures under the provisions of present law (R.S. 39:1751 et seq.).

Proposed law defines the term "telecommunication service".

Proposed law (R.S. 39:1756) provides that no telecommunication service provided to a person who has been committed to the custody of DPS&C shall include a charge to the incarcerated person or to the person accepting a telephone call from the incarcerated person.

Proposed law provides that no contract for telecommunication services provided to a person who has been committed to the custody of DPS&C shall include provisions which authorize charges to the incarcerated person or the person accepting a telephone call from the incarcerated person.

Proposed law defines the term "telecommunication service".

(Adds R.S. 15:822 and R.S. 39:1756)