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HOUSE BILL NO. 662

BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLANT

CONTRACTS: Requires legislative authorization for any proposed new contract or contract renewal between a private prison contractor and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or a local government

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1800.4(A) and (F), relative to public contracts; to provide
3 with respect to certain contracts between a private prison contractor and the
4 Department of Public Safety and Corrections or a local government; to provide
5 relative to legislative authorization for certain contracts; to require the provision of
6 certain information to the legislature; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 39:1800.4(A) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §1800.4. State and local corrections facilities; private contracts

12 A. The department and local governmental subdivisions are hereby
13 authorized to enter into contracts with prison contractors for the financing, acquiring,
14 designing, leasing, constructing, and operating of facilities pursuant to specific
15 authority granted by the legislature for each proposed new contract or contract
16 renewal in accordance with the provisions of Subsection F of this Section.

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18 F. (1) No proposed new contract or contract renewal shall be entered into
19 pursuant to this Chapter unless it has been authorized pursuant to a specific

Proposed law retains the requirement for the approval of contracts by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and adds provisions for legislative authorization for each proposed new contract or contract renewal by a legislative instrument approved by two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed law requires information to be provided to the members of the legislature by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or the local government seeking the contract regarding the contractor and contract, the contractor's history in La., staffing ratios, employee compensation, types and sources of prisoners, and programs for prisoners.

Proposed law shall not be interpreted to require legislative approval of a contract.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:1800.4(A) and (F))