
DIGEST

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Pylant

HB No. 662

Abstract: Requires legislative authorization for proposed contracts between private prison contractors and the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or a local government.

Present law authorizes and provides with respect to contracts between private prison contractors and the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or local governments for the design, construction, and operation of correctional facilities.

Present law requires prior approval of all such contracts by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

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))