

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 561 (HB 994)****2016 Regular Session****Pylant**

New law requires that before there is an expansion of a state correctional facility or a contract or other agreement with a local or private correction facility for the housing of individuals in the custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, the secretary of the department shall prepare a detailed analysis reflecting the need for the expansion, as well as a recommended plan to remedy the shortage of housing. The plan shall include long term price increases for contracts with private correctional facilities.

New law provides for the criteria and elements to be considered in the analysis and plan and requires the plan to be submitted to both the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B for joint approval.

New law shall not apply in West Carroll Parish.

Existing law authorizes state and local government contracts with private prison contractors for the design, construction, and operation of correctional facilities. Existing law provides for definitions, contract requirements, and powers and duties not delegable to contractors.

Existing law further prohibits any contract that has not been approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

New law retains existing law and requires that any contract by the department reflect the recommended plan jointly approved by the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and that any contract submitted for approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget be accompanied by a copy of the plan.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 39:1800.4(A) and (F); Adds R.S. 15:834.2)