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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1126

**Abstract:** Requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to develop a comprehensive plan to facilitate the housing of inmates in an efficient and cost-effective manner and to utilize state and local facilities prior to contracting with private prison facilities.

Proposed law requires the secretary of DPS&C to house individuals committed to the department in state correctional facilities and local jails based upon the security requirements of each individual, the medical needs of the individual, and in the most cost-efficient manner.

Proposed law further provides that if additional space is needed to house individuals in the custody of the department, after utilization of state correctional facilities and available local jail space, the department may enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with a private correctional facility to house individuals committed to the custody of the department while maintaining compliance with the rehabilitation, training, and security needs established by the department.

Proposed law requires DPS&C to consider the following factors in making determinations regarding the housing of inmates within the custody of the department:

- (1) The costs associated with feeding and housing individuals.
- (2) The costs associated with employment of qualified personnel to properly secure and maintain the facility.
- (3) The availability of facilities to provide adequate health care for aged or infirm inmates.

Proposed law further provides that any facility housing inmates shall meet the rehabilitation, training, and security needs established by the department.

Provides that proposed law shall not be construed to impair the obligations of any contract entered into by DPS&C and a private correctional facility prior to Aug. 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 15:827.2)