

SENATE BILL NO. 234—SENATORS SCHEIBLE,
D. HARRIS, NGUYEN AND OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 8, 2023

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing communications with offenders. (BDR S-810)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to offenders; providing for the establishment of a pilot program to provide telephone calls free of charge between certain offenders and the families of such offenders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Department of Corrections to establish and
2 administer a pilot program to provide telephone calls free of charge between
3 offenders in the custody of the Department who have been assigned to Florence
4 McClure Women’s Correctional Center and the families of such offenders. **Section**
5 **1** requires the pilot program to provide such an offender with a 15-minute telephone
6 call each day to a member of the family of the offender free of charge. Finally,
7 **section 1** requires the Department to prepare and submit to the Board of State
8 Prison Commissioners a report concerning the participation of offenders in the pilot
9 program.

10 **Section 2** of this bill expires the provisions of **section 1** on January 1, 2025.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Department of Corrections shall establish
2 and administer a pilot program to provide telephone calls between
3 offenders in the custody of the Department who have been assigned
4 to Florence McClure Women’s Correctional Center and the families
5 of such offenders. The program must:



1 (a) Be designed to facilitate and encourage a continuing
2 relationship between the offenders and the families of such
3 offenders; and

4 (b) Provide each offender with a 15-minute telephone call each
5 day to a member of the family of the offender free of charge.

6 2. The Department may adopt regulations to administer the
7 provisions of this section.

8 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize an
9 offender to communicate with a person if the offender is otherwise
10 prohibited by law or court order from communicating with the
11 person.

12 4. On or before July 1, 2024, the Department shall submit to
13 the Board of State Prison Commissioners a report with its findings
14 concerning the participation of offenders in the pilot program.

15 **Sec. 2.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
16 approval.

17 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective upon passage and
18 approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing
19 any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry
20 out the provisions of this act, and on July 1, 2023, for all other
21 purposes, and expires by limitation on January 1, 2025.

