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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4235

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4235 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by  
5 adding Section 3-7-10 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-7-10 new)

7 Sec. 3-7-10. Mail delivery, scanning, and communication  
8 services.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Correspondent" means any person or entity that sends mail  
11 to or receives mail from a committed person.

12 "Department" means the Department of Corrections.

13 "Mail communication" means the practice of the delivery  
14 and receipt of materials through the United States Postal  
15 Service.

16 "Mail scanning services" means the practice of

1 electronically scanning incoming and outgoing mail to digitize  
2 the documents received and either print for distribution to  
3 persons in custody or electronically send the documents to the  
4 person in custody, including, but not limited to, the process  
5 of photocopying incoming and outgoing mail and distributing  
6 the photocopies to the person in custody.

7 "Other communication services" means communication  
8 services other than voice communications and mail  
9 communications, including, but not limited to, video calls and  
10 electronic messages.

11 "Voice communications" means real-time, audio-only  
12 communication services, including, but not limited to, phone  
13 calls made over wireline telephony, voice over Internet  
14 protocol, or any other technology infrastructure used to  
15 transmit voice communications between end users.

16 (b) The Department shall ensure that a committed person  
17 and the committed person's correspondents are not charged any  
18 fee, surcharge, or cost for mail communication or mail  
19 scanning services that exceeds the standard postage rate set  
20 by the United States Postal Service. The Department shall not  
21 charge the committed person or correspondent any fee,  
22 surcharge, or cost for any incoming mail addressed to and  
23 received by the committed person, including any material  
24 received through mail scanning services. The Department shall  
25 not charge the committed person any fee, surcharge, or cost  
26 for outgoing mail delivery or mail scanning services that

1 exceeds the postage rate set by the United States Postal  
2 Service for any outgoing mail.

3 (c) The Department or any third-party vendor that the  
4 Department contracts with shall not impose any fee, surcharge,  
5 or cost to the committed person above the United States Postal  
6 Service rate for mail communication, including the delivery or  
7 scanning of mail.

8 (d) The Department or any third-party vendor that the  
9 Department contracts with shall not impose any fee, surcharge,  
10 or cost to the committed person above the applicable  
11 commercial shipping service rate when a commercial shipping  
12 service is utilized for correspondence, including the delivery  
13 or scanning of mail.

14 (e) The Department shall not use the provision of voice  
15 communication services, mail communication, mail scanning  
16 services, or any other communication services to supplant  
17 in-person contact visits.

18 (f) The Department shall not receive revenue from the  
19 provision of voice communications, mail communication, mail  
20 scanning services, or other communication services to a person  
21 in custody in any institutions or facilities of the  
22 Department.

23 (g) Beginning July 1, 2027, the Department shall annually  
24 report to the General Assembly on the status of any voice  
25 communication services, mail communication, mail scanning  
26 services, and all other communication services. The Department

1 shall post the report on its website. The report shall  
2 include:

3 (1) the rates the agency is paying or charging  
4 committed persons or community members for any and all  
5 services in the contracts; and

6 (2) Department spending on a third-party vendor or  
7 vendors for voice communication services, mail  
8 communication, mail scanning services, or any other  
9 communication services.

10 (h) Notwithstanding Section 3-7-2a of this Code, postage  
11 stamps and essential mailing supplies, including envelopes,  
12 shall not be subject to the commissary markup authorized under  
13 that Section and shall be made available at no more than the  
14 Department's actual acquisition cost, rounded to the nearest  
15 cent.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law."