



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SB3580

Introduced 2/10/2012, by Sen. Sue Rezin

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 125/17.15 new

Amends the County Jail Act. Provides that the sheriff of each county shall adopt a written policy concerning telephone usage by prisoners at the county jail. Provides that the policy may limit or suspend prisoner telephone calling privileges for the protection of the public or for the safety, security, and order of a facility, staff, or prisoners and may provide for blocking access to a phone number of a victim or witness that is set forth in the arrest warrant or charging documents. Provides that the written policy shall be posted beside each telephone in the jail and a copy shall be given to each prisoner. Provides that the policy shall prohibit a prisoner who is charged with offenses involving a victim or victims who are under the age of 18 from using the telephone other than to contact his or her attorney following guidelines that are in the written policy. Provides that the policy shall set forth penalties to be assessed against a prisoner who violates the policy.

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1 AN ACT concerning corrections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The County Jail Act is amended by adding Section  
5 17.15 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 125/17.15 new)

7 Sec. 17.15. Telephone use by prisoners; policies. The  
8 sheriff of each county shall adopt a written policy concerning  
9 telephone usage by prisoners at the county jail. The policy may  
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20 that are in the written policy. The policy shall set forth  
21 penalties to be assessed against a prisoner who violates the  
22 policy.