

SENATE, No. 1568

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Concerns private entities that own, operate or manage correctional facilities or jails.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the ownership, operation and management of
2 correctional facilities or jails by private entities, and
3 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. No private entity shall own, operate or manage any
9 correctional facility or jail within this State after the effective date
10 of this act unless the entity owns, operates or manages the facility
11 or jail pursuant to a contract entered into before the effective date of
12 this act between the entity and the public body which has
13 jurisdiction over the facility or jail. No public body shall, after the
14 effective date of this act, enter into, renew or extend the terms of a
15 contract with any private entity for the keeping of any person within
16 a correctional facility or jail.

17 b. For the purposes of this section:

18 "Correctional facility or jail" means any secure building, camp,
19 farm or other facility used to house persons in the custody of any
20 law enforcement agency of a public body;

21 "Private entity" means any private individual, person,
22 corporation, partnership, association business or other entity;

23 "Public body" means the State of New Jersey, any
24 instrumentality or agency of the State, or any of its political
25 subdivisions.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill prohibits any private entity from owning, operating or
33 managing any correctional facility or jail within the State, unless
34 the entity is operating or managing the facility or jail pursuant to a
35 contract entered into with a public body before the bill took effect.
36 The bill prohibits a public body from, after the bill takes effect,
37 entering into, renewing or extending the terms of a contract with
38 any private entity for the keeping of any person within a
39 correctional facility or jail.