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SENATE AMENDMENTS

(Proposed by Senator TURNER)

to

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**SENATE, No. 1771 (1R)**

(Sponsored by Senator TURNER)

REPLACE SECTION 2 TO READ:

2. a. All telephone service contracts for inmates in State or countycorrectional facilities shall be subject to the procurement provisions set forth in chapter 34 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes and chapter 11 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes; provided, however, the State Treasurer or appropriate person on behalf of the county or private correctional facility shall contract with the qualified vendor who proposes the lowest per minute rate not exceeding the maximum rate allowed by the Federal Communications Commission Order for state prisons, as specified in In the Matter of Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket 12-375, FCC 15-136 (adopted Oct. 22, 2015) or successor order for debit, prepaid, and collect calls and who does not bill to any party any service charge or additional fee exceeding the per minute rate, including, but not limited to, any per call surcharge, account set up fee, bill statement fee, monthly account maintenance charge, or refund fee.

b. A State, county, or private correctional facility shall not accept or receive a commission or any other payment from the telephone service provider based upon an amount the provider billed for telephone calls made by inmates in the correctional facility.

c. Telephone services made available through a prepaid or collect call system established pursuant to section 3 of this act **1[**shall**]** may**1** include international calls **1**; provided however, that if international calls are included in the telephone services made available for inmates, those calls shall be made available**1** at reasonable rates subject to Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations, but not to exceed 25 cents per minute.

STATEMENT

These Senate amendments make permissive the bill’s mandate to include international calls in the telephone services that are required to be provided to inmates. Under the amended bill, the telephone services made available to inmates through a call system established by the Department of Corrections, each county correctional facility, and each private correctional facility may include international calls so long as the calls are made available at reasonable rates subject to Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations, but not to exceed 25 cents per minute.