



AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL CONSIDER AN INMATE'S FAMILY ATTACHMENTS WHEN MAKING OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 53-30-106, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Consideration of attachment to family. When an inmate in a state prison is placed in or transferred to a correctional institution located outside of the state, the department shall consider the inmate's attachment to family and the inmate's ability to maintain those attachments.

Section 2. Section 53-30-106, MCA, is amended to read:

"53-30-106. Excessive inmate population -- confinement of inmates in other institutions. (1) If the inmate population of a correctional institution or system exceeds the emergency capacity for 30 consecutive days, the director of the department of corrections may declare that the emergency capacity has been exceeded and temporarily stop admissions to the institution or system. The director shall notify each sheriff and district court that new inmates will not be accepted by the department for admission into the institution or system until the inmate population is reduced to 95% or less of the emergency capacity. Persons committed to the department and persons sought to be admitted remain in the department's legal custody but must be kept in a detention center in the jurisdiction holding them. In the event the jurisdiction holding the inmate is at maximum capacity, the inmate may be placed in an available detention center in another jurisdiction. The department shall reimburse that jurisdiction for the cost of detention for the period beyond the normal time of delivery to a correctional institution administered by the department. Reimbursement must be at a rate mutually agreeable to the department and the jurisdiction holding the person. The rate must cover the reasonable costs of the holding jurisdiction. Expenses for medication, medical services, or hospitalization for persons confined in a detention

center under this section must be paid by the department.

(2) The department may enter into contracts with the federal government, other states, or the commissioners of counties that have suitable detention centers for confining inmates committed to a correctional institution or system administered by the department, either because a correctional institution or system has exceeded its emergency capacity or because the department has no institution that is adequate for certain inmates.

(3) Within budgetary limits and in compliance with [section 1], the department may also enter into contracts with public or private corporations for the confinement of selected inmates if suitable programs have been established."

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 30, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 30, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 707, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 707

INTRODUCED BY J. GILLETTE

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