



An Act to Build Restorative Family and Community Connection



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This bill strengthens family and community connections for people in prison, jail, and ICE detention by protecting access to daily visits, eliminating draconian caps on the number of visitors, creating child-friendly spaces, and reducing discrimination. By instituting a fair process to facilitate visits that sustain families during periods of incarceration, this bill keeps families connected, improves wellbeing, and promotes successful re-entry to the community. This bill builds on the momentum from winning No Cost Calls to continue increasing connection between loved ones.

IMPACT



Access to Visits

- Daily visits (one 4+ hours) and 8-hour weekend visits
- Equal access to visits across units
- No caps on the number of visitors
- No blanket bans for visitors with a criminal record
- Clear and simplified approval, denial, and appeal processes



Oversight

- Staff training required
- Complaint system
- Notice of advance scheduling requirements



Visitors' Rights

- Physical contact allowed
- Child-friendly areas with homework permitted
- Private visits for a medical emergency or death in the family
- Less intrusive pre-approval process with privacy protection
- Culturally respectful dress code
- Disability accommodations
- Ability to visit more than one loved one in prison

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