

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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SB 342

Video Visitation for Inmates/Department of Corrections  
by Senator Wilson

Authorizes the Department of Corrections (DOC) to adopt rules to install and operate an inmate video visitation system in correctional facilities.

Requires the DOC to do the following:

- evaluate the feasibility of installing and operating an inmate video visitation system that uses a mobile computer equipped with a web camera and microphone headset, or a preinstalled, permanently fixed kiosk, which is capable of communicating with a visitor's personal computer at a site outside the correctional facility and is cost neutral to the state
- estimate the startup and operational costs for such a system
- prepare a model departmental website to which visitors may communicate in order to visit an inmate and
- prepare a cost schedule that is designed to require that the inmate or the inmate's family pay all expenses associated with use of the inmate video visitation equipment. (See bill for details)