

Association of State Correctional Administrators Resolutions

Resolution #14 - Telecommunications Access for Inmates

Whereas, consistent with the requirements of sound correctional management, adult/juvenile offenders should have access to a range of reasonably priced telecommunications services; and,

Whereas, there is no constitutional right for adult/juvenile offenders to have access to telephones;

Therefore be it resolved that Correctional agencies should ensure that:

Contracts involving telecommunications services for adult/juvenile offenders comply with all applicable state and federal regulations; and that

Contracts are based on rates and surcharges that are commensurate with those charged to the general public for like services. Any deviation from ordinary consumer rates should reflect actual costs associated with the provision of services in a correctional setting; and that

Contracts for adult/juvenile offender telecommunications services provide the broadest range of calling options determined to be consistent with the requirements of sound correctional management.

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