

HOUSE BILL No. 2551

By Representatives Deere, Pittman, Ellis, Eplee and Karleskint

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1 AN ACT concerning correctional institutions and juvenile correctional
2 facilities; prohibiting the outsourcing or privatization of any operations
3 or facilities thereof; allowing existing contracts to be renewed.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no state
7 agency shall enter into any agreement or take any action to outsource or
8 privatize any operations or facilities of any correctional institution, as
9 defined by K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto, or juvenile
10 correctional facility, as defined by K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 38-2302, and
11 amendments thereto, that is operated by a state agency without prior
12 specific authorization by an act of the legislature or an appropriation act of
13 the legislature. The restriction imposed by this subsection applies to any
14 action to outsource or privatize all or any part of any operation or facility
15 of such correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility.

16 (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent the department of corrections
17 from renewing, in substantially the same form as an existing agreement,
18 any agreement in existence prior to March 1, 2018, for services at such
19 correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility.

20 (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the department of corrections
21 from entering into an agreement for services at such correctional
22 institution or juvenile correctional facility with a different provider if such
23 agreement is substantially similar to an agreement for services in existence
24 prior to March 1, 2018.

25 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the Kansas register.