SENATE BILL No. 328

By Senators Hensley and Denning

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AN ACT concerning correctional institutions and juvenile correctional facilities; prohibiting the outsourcing or privatization of any operations or facilities thereof; allowing existing contracts to be renewed.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

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

- (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent the department of corrections from renewing, in substantially the same form as an existing agreement, any agreement in existence prior to January 1, 2018, for services at such correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the department of corrections from entering into an agreement for services at such correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility with a different provider if such agreement is substantially similar to an agreement for services in existence prior to January 1, 2018.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.