

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL 226

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to inmate communication services;  
requiring all agencies to emphasize lowest possible  
cost to user; prohibiting accepting revenue in excess  
of operating costs for communication services;  
directing cost not to exceed certain amount;  
providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 140.7 of Title 17, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

All departments, agencies, penal institutions, detention centers  
and county jails that are otherwise authorized to enter into a  
contract to purchase inmate calling and communication services  
shall, when entering into such purchase agreements, contract for the  
lowest possible cost to the telephone user. Any department, agency,  
penal institution, detention center or county jail entering into  
such a contract shall not accept or receive revenue in excess of its  
direct operating cost for establishing and administering the inmate

1 calling and communication services, and in no case shall the cost  
2 per intrastate phone call exceed the rate recommended by the Federal  
3 Communications Commission or eleven cents (\$0.11) per minute,  
4 whichever is lower.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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