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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting cable or satellite television in jails and
2 corrections institutions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 356.44, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 356.44 RULES OF SHERIFF.

4 The county sheriff shall formulate rules for the conduct
5 and behavior of county jail prisoners. These rules shall
6 include a provision prohibiting access by prisoners to any
7 television set which receives signals from a cable television
8 system or receives signals directly transmitted from a
9 satellite and may include provisions for county jail prisoners
10 to do all necessary cleaning and upkeep of cells,
11 compartments, dormitories and day rooms. Extra penalties may
12 be provided for intentional damage of county jail property.
13 Such rules and regulations shall be approved by a district
14 judge from the district in which the county jail is located.

15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 356A.8 CABLE OR SATELLITE
16 TELEVISION ACCESS PROHIBITED.

17 Persons confined in a county detention facility shall not
18 have access to a television which receives signals from a
19 cable television system or receives signals directly
20 transmitted from a satellite.

21 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 904.517 CABLE OR SATELLITE
22 TELEVISION ACCESS PROHIBITED.

23 A corrections facility administered under this chapter
24 shall not provide inmates access to a television set which
25 receives signals from a cable television system or receives
26 signals directly transmitted from a satellite.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill provides that prisoners and inmates of jails and
29 corrections facilities are prohibited from access to
30 televisions which receive signals from a cable television
31 system or directly through a satellite receiver.

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