

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/SB 1286 — Contraband in Specified Facilities

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Simmons

The bill adds medical marijuana, hemp, industrial hemp, and vapor-generating electronic devices to the list of contraband that may not be introduced into or on the grounds of state correctional institutions, county detention facilities, juvenile detention facilities, juvenile commitment programs, and facilities operated by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD).

The bill provides that it is a third degree felony to introduce medical marijuana, hemp, or industrial hemp into or on the grounds of state correctional institutions, county detention facilities, and facilities operated by the DCF, and the APD. It is a second degree felony to introduce medical marijuana, hemp, or industrial hemp into or on the grounds of juvenile detention facilities and juvenile commitment programs.

The bill provides that it is a first degree misdemeanor to introduce a vapor-generating electronic device into the secure perimeter of any state correctional institution, county detention facility, juvenile detention facility, juvenile commitment program, and forensic facility operated by the DCF, and the APD.

The bill adds cellular phones or portable communication devices to the list of contraband that may not be introduced into or on the grounds of juvenile detention facilities, juvenile commitment programs, and forensic facilities operated by the DCF or the APD. It is a first degree misdemeanor to introduce such contraband into the secure perimeter of any of these facilities.

Additionally, the bill ranks the previously unranked offense of introducing a firearm or deadly weapon or a controlled substance into certain DCF facilities as a level 4 offense.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 71-43