

SENATE BILL 2658

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 6; Section 39-16-201 and Title 41,
relative to correctional facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

41-1-126.

(a) The commissioner of correction shall maintain at least one (1) dog trained to detect contraband telecommunication devices as such term is defined in § 39-16-201 at each correctional facility in the commissioner's charge, but where more than one (1) correctional facility is located within a county, the commissioner may maintain one (1) dog to serve in the several facilities if this appears to the commissioner to be adequate to locate and detect the contraband telecommunication devices.

(b) These dogs may be used on a regular basis, or at irregular times and intervals, to survey inmates and areas inhabited or frequented by inmates in order to locate and detect contraband telecommunication devices. The dogs may also be used to check persons entering into correctional facilities or their grounds to detect the introduction of telecommunication devices.

SECTION 2. This act shall take July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.