

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1299

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION relative to the effects of COVID-19 on
Tennessee's incarcerated population.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, that in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in our State, we urge the
Department of Correction to:

- (1) Provide adequate supplies of soap and hand sanitizer, where allowed, to every person incarcerated in prison and ensure that washable surfaces are disinfected;
- (2) Screen staff, volunteers, and all other pertinent individuals to make sure such persons are not endangering the health of those who are incarcerated, while encouraging such persons to stay home if feeling sick;
- (3) Provide free telephone calls and email access to persons incarcerated in prison, if a ban on family visitation is imposed for more than one week; and
- (4) Keep families of incarcerated persons aware of any outbreaks, developments, or planned lockdowns, so that they know their loved ones are safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Correction.