

# PRIVATE PROBATION REGULATIONS



Under Missouri statute, individuals who are sentenced to probation for misdemeanor charges or municipal infractions are supervised by private probation companies. These companies are largely unregulated, and the cost for supervision is fully paid by the individual on probation. Private probation companies are paid by the courts for reporting violations, so they are often overly punitive in order to make more money. **HB 2248** seeks to create two new regulations to restrict the use of private probation companies.



## RESTRICTS THE DURATION OF PROBATION TO 18 MONTHS

Currently, individuals can be subject to privately supervised probation for up to two years.



## INDIVIDUALS ON PAROLE CAN'T BE SUBJECT TO DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING FOR UNRELATED OFFENSES

In addition to paying \$50-60/month for supervision costs, individuals can be required to participate in drug testing at their own expense-- even if their offense had nothing to do with drugs and alcohol. This punitive practice must be stopped.

**TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS THAT PRIVATE PROBATION COMPANIES NEED MORE REGULATION-- WE WANT A FLOOR VOTE ON HB 2248!**



# REGULATING THE COST OF PHONE CALLS IN JAILS

A 15-minute phone call from jail can cost up to \$10 in Missouri. More than a third of families with incarcerated relatives went into debt over the costs of staying in touch with their loved ones.

Phone calls are critical to the mental well-being of detainees. Maintaining connections fosters hope, encourages good behavior, and helps maintain important familial bonds.

The bill codifies a 2021 FCC ruling, which limited the price of interstate prison/jail phone calls. The FCC cannot regulate intrastate phone calls, so HB 2299 does that. The cap is between \$0.12-\$0.21/min depending on the size of the facility.



**TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS THAT AFFORDABLE PHONE CALLS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN JAILS--WE WANT A FLOOR VOTE ON HB 2299!**