

HB 2708 -- THE POSSESSION OF UNLAWFUL ITEMS IN A PRISON OR JAIL

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Currently, it is illegal to knowingly deliver, attempt to deliver, possess, deposit, or conceal certain items in or about the premises of any correctional center or jail.

This bill adds to the list of prohibited items unauthorized portable electronic communication devices including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, portable telephones, text messaging devices, personal digital assistants, pagers, broadband personal communication devices, and electronic devices with mobile data access. A violation involving an unauthorized portable electronic communication device will be a class D felony.

This bill is similar to HB 2414 (2026).