

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: S.1720

Name: An Act to build restorative family and community connection

Sponsor(s): Senator Miranda

Hearing Date: 10/15/25

Summary:

Proposes significant changes to Section 36C of Chapter 127 of the General Laws of 2022 to improve visitation for incarcerated people in Massachusetts state prisons and county correctional facilities. The bill seeks to establish clear guidelines and limitations on restrictions to visitation, promote family and community connection, and ensure respectful treatment of visitors. The bill also addresses visitation frequency, duration, eligibility, conditions, and related training for correctional staff. The Act prioritizes in-person visitation while also incorporating provisions for video communication.