

HB 324 -- UNMANNED AIRCRAFT NEAR CORRECTIONAL CENTERS

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This bill creates the offense of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft near a correctional center. A person commits such offense if he or she operates an unmanned aircraft within a vertical distance, defined in the bill, of 300 feet or a horizontal distance, defined in the bill, of 500 feet from a correctional center or allows an unmanned aircraft to make contact with a correctional center, including any person or object on the premises of or within the facility. The bill provides exceptions to the offense.

The offense of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft near a correctional center is a class A misdemeanor unless the person uses the unmanned aircraft for the purpose of:

- (1) Delivering a weapon or other article that may be used in such a manner to endanger the life of an offender or correctional center employee, in which case it is a class B felony;
- (2) Facilitating an escape from confinement, in which case it's a class C felony; or
- (3) Delivering a controlled substance, in which case it is a class D felony.