



OFFICE OF NASHVILLE SHERIFF
DARON HALL

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Statement from Sheriff Daron Hall regarding proposed legislation ending prison privatization:

“I have always said if the city wants the Davidson County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) to assume operation of the Metro Detention Center in an effort to end privatization of this prison, that could happen under two conditions: 1.) DCSO has the money to operate it effectively and, 2.) enough time to ensure a proper transition. After several discussions with the state of Tennessee, I am confident the budget impact to Metro government is minimal aside from a \$5 million start-up cost. Additionally, under the proposed legislation, the date for the sheriff’s office to begin operation of MDF is July 2022; giving the DCSO an adequate transition period.

It’s important to point out this change would be a philosophical one, not performance based. We have monitored this contract for more than 25 years and Core Civic has consistently met contractual requirements.”