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 By Michael Peltier, The News Service of Florida  
**TALLAHASSEE** — A group of corrections officers and their union have sued to block the state's effort to privatize 18 Florida prisons, saying the law allowing the privatization was illegally added to the state budget during the waning days of

**The Palm Beach Post**  
 Corrections union sues state over prison privatization effort  
 By DARA KAM  
 Palm Beach Post Staff Writer  
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 common, but also existing ones, w far more complex and puts some 1 current employees' jobs on the line.  
 Mr. Buss, highly saluted nationally f professional expertise in corrections he came to Florida from Indiana larg the salesmanship of Mr. Scott, whom describes as, "Very impressive, very very personable and one of the most genuine people you've ever met."  
 Edwin G. Buss, Florida's new Department of Corrections secretary, may have as much of a challenge dealing with the Institution of Micromanaging known as the Florida Legislature as he ever will in dealing with  
 What state agency heads may never

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**PBA chief: Prison privatization would be unsafe**  
 jacking up per-diem rates charged to the state in future years.  
 "Our missions are different," said Baiardi. "When you put on a uniform for the Department of Corrections, your mission is public safety. When you put on the uniform of a private company, your mission is corporate profit."  
 The PBA is adamantly opposed to privatization. There are seven prisons run by Corrections Corp. of America. GEO  
 The head of a prison officers union suing to stop the largest privatization in Florida history said Wednesday the plan will jeopardize public safety and not save

# Join the fight! PBA Filed A Lawsuit To Stop Privatization. We need YOUR support.

## PBA Sues State Over Unconstitutional Handover Of Public Prisons

Tallahassee—The Florida Police Benevolent Association filed a landmark lawsuit in Leon County Circuit Court July 13th against the State of Florida to halt the “unconstitutional” privatization of prisons in South Florida Department of Corrections Region 4. The PBA contends the insertion of a massive privatization plan into the budget during the waning hours of last year’s legislative session was both improper and illegal.

By signing the PBA petition below, you are expressing your support for the lawsuit to stop privatization and making your voice heard to the Governor and the Legislature. Take a moment, right now, to complete the petition and help us with this **CRITICAL** show of support.

***After filling out the petition below, please hand it to a PBA staff rep or put it in an envelope and mail it to:  
Florida PBA, 300 East Brevard St., Tallahassee, FL 32301***

### PBA PETITION TO STOP PRISON PRIVATIZATION

Whereas, Governor Rick Scott and the 2011 Florida Legislature authorized the privatization of state-owned and operated correctional facilities in Manatee, Hardee, Indian River, Okeechobee, Highlands, St. Lucie, DeSoto, Sarasota, Charlotte, Glades, Martin; Palm Beach, Hendry, Lee, Collier, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties and;

Whereas, the authorization to privatize the facilities of these counties failed to comply with Florida Statutes requiring a comparison between similar publicly and privately operated correctional facilities and;

Whereas, privately operated correctional facilities have not been successful in lowering taxpayers’ expenses beyond comparable state-owned and operated facilities and;

Whereas, the safety, security, effectiveness, and efficiency of privately operated correctional facilities have been repeatedly questioned by independent experts and scholars, therefore;

I, *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_, a citizen of the State of Florida, petition Governor Rick Scott and the 2012 Florida Legislature to repeal the authorization to privatize the state-owned correctional facilities in these named counties.

**By signing this petition, you are joining PBA’s fight against prison privatization.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a Correctional Officer (see below)

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_