

KS Governor: State "hoodwinked" on new prison

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly says Kansas was "hoodwinked" into hiring a private company to build a new prison based on a promise that the new lockup would require less staff.**

**Kelly's comment during an Associated Press interview Friday comes as her corrections secretary questions whether the savings will materialize because of what he sees as a less-than-ideal prison design.**

**Savings are supposed to pay for building a new prison in Lansing to replace the existing one.**

**Former Republican Gov. Sam Brownback pushed the project as a way to replace the deteriorating prison at no additional net cost to the state. His administration assured lawmakers that the new prison could run safely with 45 percent fewer employees.**

**Kelly says: "We were just, you know, hoodwinked, I think."**

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