

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Lifeline telecommunications service;
 3 amending s. 364.10, F.S.; requiring the Public Service
 4 Commission to adopt rules providing for an automatic
 5 enrollment process for eligible customers to receive
 6 Lifeline service; requiring the commission, the Department
 7 of Children and Family Services, and the Office of Public
 8 Counsel to enter into a memorandum of understanding
 9 concerning the automatic enrollment of consumers in
 10 Lifeline services; requiring certain state agencies to
 11 automatically enroll an eligible consumer in the Lifeline
 12 service; providing an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section
 17 364.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 364.10 Undue advantage to person or locality prohibited;
 19 Lifeline service.--

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21 (h) 1. By September 1, 2007, the commission shall adopt
 22 rules providing for an automatic enrollment process for eligible
 23 customers to receive Lifeline service. The rules shall include
 24 an option for the eligible customer to refuse Lifeline service.

25 2. The commission, the Department of Children and Family
 26 Services, and the Office of Public Counsel shall enter into a
 27 memorandum of understanding establishing the respective duties
 28 of the commission, the Department of Children and Family

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29 Services, and the Office of Public Counsel with respect to the
30 automatic enrollment.

31 3. By December 31, ~~2007~~ 2003, each state agency that
32 provides benefits to persons eligible for Lifeline service shall
33 undertake, in cooperation with the Department of Children and
34 Family Services, the Department of Education, the commission,
35 the Office of Public Counsel, and telecommunications companies
36 providing Lifeline services, the development of procedures to
37 promote Lifeline participation. If a state agency determines
38 that a person is eligible for Lifeline service, the agency must
39 immediately ensure that the person is automatically enrolled in
40 the Lifeline service with the appropriate eligible
41 telecommunications carrier.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.