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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to annual reports on the

3 telecommunications industry; amending s.

4 364.386, F.S.; revising the due date of a

5 report to the Legislature by the Florida Public

6 Service Commission on industry competition;

7 providing for the commission to request data

8 from providers of local exchange

9 telecommunications services; requiring such

10 providers to file certain information with the

11 commission; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 364.386, Florida Statutes, is

16 amended to read:

17 364.386 Reports to the Legislature.--

18 (1)(a) The commission shall submit to the President of

19 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and

20 the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House

21 of Representatives, on July 1, 2008 ~~December 1, 1996~~, and on

22 an annual basis thereafter, a report on the status of

23 competition in the telecommunications industry and a detailed

24 exposition of the following:

25 1.(a) The overall impact of local exchange

26 telecommunications competition on the continued availability

27 of universal service.

28 2.(b) The ability of competitive providers to make

29 functionally equivalent local exchange services available to

30 both residential and business customers at competitive rates,

31 terms, and conditions.

1 ~~3.(e)~~ The ability of consumers to obtain functionally
2 equivalent services at comparable rates, terms, and
3 conditions.

4 ~~4.(d)~~ The overall impact of price regulation on the
5 maintenance of reasonably affordable and reliable high-quality
6 telecommunications services.

7 ~~5.(e)~~ What additional services, if any, should be
8 included in the definition of basic local telecommunications
9 services, taking into account advances in technology and
10 market demand.

11 ~~6.(f)~~ Any other information and recommendations which
12 may be in the public interest.

13 (b) The commission shall make an annual request to
14 providers of local exchange telecommunications services by
15 March 1, 2008, and on or before March 1 of each year
16 thereafter, for the data it requires to complete the report.

17 (2) In lieu of any other information required by the
18 commission to complete the report under subsection (1), a
19 provider of local exchange telecommunications services shall
20 file the following with the commission on or before April 15,
21 2008, and on or before April 15 each year thereafter:

22 (a) A copy of the FCC Form 477 filed with the Federal
23 Communications Commission, which must identify
24 Florida-specific access line data; or

25 (b) A response to the annual data request of the
26 commission issued pursuant to paragraph (1)(b).

27 ~~(3)(2)~~ The Office of Public Counsel is also directed
28 to submit a report on competition in the telecommunications
29 industry and on how the price regulation provisions of s.
30 364.051 have benefited the ratepayers and consumers of this
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1 state and any other information and recommendations which may
2 be in the public interest.

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