

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to annual reports on the  
 3           telecommunications industry; amending s. 364.386, F.S.;  
 4           revising the due date of a report to the Legislature by  
 5           the Florida Public Service Commission on industry  
 6           competition; providing for the commission to request data  
 7           from providers of local exchange telecommunications  
 8           services; requiring such providers to file certain  
 9           information with the commission; providing an effective  
 10          date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Section 364.386, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 15 to read:

16           364.386 Reports to the Legislature.--

17           (1) (a) The commission shall submit to the President of the  
 18 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
 19 majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House of  
 20 Representatives, on July 1, 2008 ~~December 1, 1996~~, and on an  
 21 annual basis thereafter, a report on the status of competition  
 22 in the telecommunications industry and a detailed exposition of  
 23 the following:

24           1.(a) The overall impact of local exchange  
 25 telecommunications competition on the continued availability of  
 26 universal service.

27           2.(b) The ability of competitive providers to make  
 28 functionally equivalent local exchange services available to

29 both residential and business customers at competitive rates,  
30 terms, and conditions.

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

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

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

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

41 (b) The commission shall make an annual request to  
42 providers of local exchange telecommunications services by March  
43 1, 2008, and on or before March 1 of each year thereafter, for  
44 the data it requires to complete the report.

45 (2) In lieu of any other information required by the  
46 commission to complete the report under subsection (1), a  
47 provider of local exchange telecommunications services shall  
48 file the following with the commission on or before April 15,  
49 2008, and on or before April 15 each year thereafter:

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

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

55 ~~(3)-(2)~~ The Office of Public Counsel is also directed to  
56 submit a report on competition in the telecommunications

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57 | industry and on how the price regulation provisions of s.  
58 | 364.051 have benefited the ratepayers and consumers of this  
59 | state and any other information and recommendations which may be  
60 | in the public interest.

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