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The Committee on Community Affairs (Wise) recommended the following **substitute for amendment** (383316):

Senate Amendment

On page 42, line 2, through
page 43, line 17, delete those lines

and insert: access services. The switched network access service rates of the local exchange telecommunications companies whose network access service rates were affected by Orders Nos. PSC 03-1469-FOF-TL and PSC 04-0456-FOF-TL shall be reduced and capped as provided in s. 364.385(4). An intrastate interexchange telecommunications company may not institute any intrastate connection fee or any similarly named fee.

~~(1) After a local exchange telecommunications company's intrastate switched network access rates are reduced to or below parity, as defined in s. 364.164(5), the company's intrastate switched network access rates shall be, and shall remain, capped for 3 years.~~

~~(2) Any intrastate interexchange telecommunications company whose intrastate switched network access rate is~~

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1 ~~reduced as a result of the rate adjustments made by a local~~
2 ~~exchange telecommunications company in accordance with s.~~
3 ~~364.164 shall decrease its intrastate long distance revenues~~
4 ~~by the amount necessary to return the benefits of such~~
5 ~~reduction to both its residential and business customers. The~~
6 ~~intrastate interexchange telecommunications company may~~
7 ~~determine the specific intrastate rates to be decreased,~~
8 ~~provided that residential and business customers benefit from~~
9 ~~the rate decreases. Any in-state connection fee or similarly~~
10 ~~named fee shall be eliminated by July 1, 2006, provided that~~
11 ~~the timetable determined pursuant to s. 364.164(1) reduces~~
12 ~~intrastate switched network access rates in an amount that~~
13 ~~results in the elimination of such fee in a revenue-neutral~~
14 ~~manner. The tariff changes, if any, made by the intrastate~~
15 ~~interexchange telecommunications company to carry out the~~
16 ~~requirements of this subsection shall be presumed valid and~~
17 ~~shall become effective on 1 day's notice.~~

18 ~~(3) The commission shall have continuing regulatory~~
19 ~~oversight of intrastate switched network access and customer~~
20 ~~long distance rates for purposes of determining the~~
21 ~~correctness of any rate decrease by a telecommunications~~
22 ~~company resulting from the application of s. 364.164 and~~
23 ~~making any necessary adjustments to those rates.~~

24 Section 12. Subsection (4) is added to section
25 364.385, Florida Statutes, to read:

26 364.385 Saving clauses.--

27 (4) The reductions in the rates and charges for
28 network access service approved by the commission in
29 accordance with the decisions set forth in Orders Nos. PSC
30 03-1469-FOF-TL and PSC 04-0456-FOF-TL shall be fully
31 implemented and thereafter shall remain in effect and capped

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1 for 3 years. The commission has continuing regulatory
2 oversight to ensure that the network-switched access charge
3 reductions are implemented. The associated flow-throughs by
4 intrastate interexchange telecommunications companies shall be
5 implemented pursuant to those orders. The commission has
6 continuing regulatory oversight to determine the correctness
7 of the flow-through rate decreases made by interexchange
8 telecommunications companies, making adjustments to those
9 rates as necessary. The rates and charges for basic local
10 exchange telecommunications service of the local exchange
11 telecommunications companies whose network access service
12 rates were affected by Orders Nos. PSC 03-1469-FOF-TL and PSC
13 04-0456-FOF-TL which are in effect immediately prior to July
14 1, 2007, shall remain in effect and such rates and charges may
15 not be changed after the effective date of this act except in
16 accordance with the provisions of s. 364.051.

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