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The Committee on Communications and Public Utilities (Joyner)
recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 38, between lines 20 and 21,

insert:

Section 10. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section
364.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(3)

(h)1. By December 31, 2003, each state agency that
provides benefits to persons eligible for Lifeline service
shall undertake, in cooperation with the Department of
Children and Family Services, the Department of Education, the
commission, the Office of Public Counsel, and
telecommunications companies providing Lifeline services, the
development of procedures to promote Lifeline participation.

2. If any state agency determines that a person is
eligible for Lifeline service, the agency must act immediately

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1 to ensure that the person is automatically enrolled in the
 2 program with the appropriate eligible telecommunications
 3 carrier. The state agency must include an option for an
 4 eligible customer to choose not to subscribe to the Lifeline
 5 service. The Public Service Commission shall, no later than
 6 September 1, 2007, adopt rules as necessary creating
 7 procedures to automatically enroll eligible customers in
 8 lifeline service.

9 3. The commission, the Department of Children and
 10 Family Services, and the Office of Public Counsel shall enter
 11 into a memorandum of understanding that establishes the
 12 respective duties of the commission, the department, and the
 13 public counsel with respect to the automatic enrollment
 14 procedures.

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16 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 On page 4, line 25, after the semicolon,

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23 insert:

24 amending s. 364.10, F.S.; requiring each state
 25 agency that determines that a person is
 26 eligible for Lifeline service to act
 27 immediately to ensure that the person is
 28 enrolled in the Lifeline service program;
 29 requiring that the Public Service Commission
 30 adopt rules by a specified date, if necessary;
 31 requiring that the commission, the Department

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1 of Children and Family Services, and the Office
2 of Public Counsel enter into a memorandum of
3 understanding regarding their respective duties
4 under the Lifeline service program;
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