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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to cable and video services; amending
3 s. 610.119, F.S.; extending one of the dates by which
4 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
5 Accountability is required to submit a report on the
6 status of competition in the cable and video service
7 industry; clarifying that two reports are to be filed;
8 requiring that the reports contain certain
9 information; requiring that cable and video service
10 providers submit certain information to the Office of
11 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
12 by specified dates to facilitate the completion of the
13 reports, if not prohibited by federal law or exempt
14 from the public-records law; providing an effective
15 date.

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

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19 Section 1. Section 610.119, Florida Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 610.119 Reports to the Legislature.—

22 (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
23 Accountability shall submit to the President of the Senate, the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the majority and
25 minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, by
26 December 1, 2010 ~~2009~~, and December 1, 2014, two reports a
27 ~~report~~ on the status of competition in the cable and video
28 service industry in 2010 and 4 years thereafter, ~~including, by~~
29 ~~each municipality and county, the number of cable and video~~

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30 ~~service providers, the number of cable and video subscribers~~
31 ~~served, the number of areas served by fewer than two cable or~~
32 ~~video service providers, the trend in cable and video service~~
33 ~~prices, and the identification of any patterns of service as~~
34 ~~they impact demographic and income groups. In addition to~~
35 ~~assessing the changes in competition, each report shall identify~~
36 ~~the:~~

37 (a) Total number of cable providers offering services in
38 Florida;

39 (b) Total number of video service providers offering
40 services in Florida;

41 (c) Total number of cable subscribers served by each
42 provider;

43 (d) Total number of video subscribers served by each
44 provider;

45 (e) Number of areas served by fewer than two cable or video
46 service providers;

47 (f) Trends in prices for cable and video services from 2009
48 to 2014; and

49 (g) Patterns of service and its impact on certain
50 demographic and income groups.

51 (2) In order to facilitate the timely completion of the
52 reports, each cable services provider and video services
53 provider offering services in the state on or after January 1,
54 2008, or as of January 1 of any year thereafter until January 1,
55 2014, shall submit to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
56 Government Accountability, in delimited text files, by June 30,
57 2009, and every year thereafter until June 30, 2014, the
58 following information, only if the submission of such

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59 information does not violate federal law and the information is
60 exempt from the requirements of the public-records law in
61 chapter 119:

62 (a) The aggregate number of cable subscribers served by
63 each provider by zip code;

64 (b) The aggregate number of video subscribers served by
65 each provider by zip code; and

66 (c) Annual price reports containing the regional price
67 differences in the state for the full list of service pricing
68 alternatives offered by the provider as of each year for the
69 four quarters ending June 30, including basic residential cable
70 or video services and packaged cable and video products.

71 (3)-(2) By January 15, 2008, The Department of Agriculture
72 and Consumer Services shall make recommendations to the
73 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
74 Representatives, and the majority and minority leaders of the
75 Senate and House of Representatives regarding the workload and
76 staffing requirements associated with consumer complaints
77 related to video and cable certificateholders. The Department of
78 State shall provide to the Department of Agriculture and
79 Consumer Services, for inclusion in the report, the workload
80 requirements for processing the certificates of franchise
81 authority. In addition, the Department of State shall provide
82 the number of applications filed for cable and video
83 certificates of franchise authority and the number of amendments
84 received to original applications for franchise certificate
85 authority.

86 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.