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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Governmental Operations

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to annual reports on the telecommunications industry; amending s. 364.386, F.S.; revising the due date of a report to the Legislature by the Florida Public Service Commission on industry competition; providing for the commission to request data from providers of local exchange telecommunications services; requiring such providers to file certain information with the commission; providing an effective date.

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

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

364.386 Reports to the Legislature.--

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

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

2.(b) The ability of competitive providers to make functionally equivalent local exchange services available to both residential and business customers at competitive rates, terms, and conditions.

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1 ~~3.(c)~~ 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 on or
15 before March 1, 2008, and on or before March 1 of each year
16 thereafter, for the data it requires to complete the report. A
17 provider of local exchange telecommunications services shall
18 file its response with the commission on or before April 15,
19 2008, and on or before April 15 of each year thereafter.

20 (2) In lieu of the quantitative part of the
21 information requested in the commission's annual data request,
22 a provider of local exchange telecommunications services may
23 file the following:

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

27 (b) Provisioned Florida access line data identified by
28 telephone exchange location.

29 ~~(3)(2)~~ The Office of Public Counsel is also directed
30 to submit a report on competition in the telecommunications
31 industry and on how the price regulation provisions of s.

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1 364.051 have benefited the ratepayers and consumers of this
2 state and any other information and recommendations which may
3 be in the public interest.

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

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