

Committee Substitute for
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1818

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.

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

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

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

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

(b) The commission shall make an annual request to providers of local exchange telecommunications services on or before March 1, 2008, and on or before March 1 of each year thereafter, for the data it requires to complete the report. A provider of local exchange telecommunications services shall file its response with the commission on or before April 15, 2008, and on or before April 15 of each year thereafter.

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

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

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

~~(3)~~(2) The Office of Public Counsel is also directed to submit a report on competition in the telecommunications industry and on how the price regulation provisions of s. 364.051 have benefited the ratepayers and consumers of this state and any other information and recommendations which may be in the public interest.

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

Approved by the Governor June 19, 2007.

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