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**H 757. STUDY RURAL HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS/FUNDS.** Filed 3/14/07. *CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON RURAL INTERNET ACCESS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.* Appropriates \$100,000 for 2007-08 and \$100,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the General Assembly as title indicates. The tasks of the Legislative Study Commission on Rural Internet Access (Commission) include reviewing and assessing current efforts to provide rural areas of the state with access to technological advancements in telecommunications and information networks, and reviewing the affordability and availability of high-speed Internet access in rural areas. Effective July 1, 2007. Requires the Commission to make an interim report to the General Assembly upon the convening of the 2008 regular session and to make a final report to the 2009 General Assembly containing findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals regarding rural Internet access in the state.

**Intro. by Faison.** APPROP, STUDY