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H 595. STUDY HIGH-SPEED INTERNET/UNDERSERVED CITIES. Filed 3/12/09. *CREATING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IN UNDERSERVED URBAN AREAS.*

Creates the 16-member Joint Legislative Study Committee on High-Speed Internet in Underserved Urban Areas (Committee). Provides for the appointment of eight members by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and eight members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Provides criteria for the selection of co-chairs, filling vacancies, and other operational details relating to the discharge of the official duties of the Committee. Directs the Committee to examine the availability of high-speed Internet access in low-wealth areas of the state having a population of 100,000 or more according to the most recent federal decennial census. Provides guidelines as to issues that the Committee may consider in conducting its study. Requires the Committee to submit a final report to the 2011 Session of the General Assembly and provides that the Committee may submit interim reports as it deems necessary. Provides that the Committee terminates upon the filing of its final report or upon the convening of the 2011 General Assembly, whichever comes first.

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