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HOUSE BILL 1252*
Committee Substitute Reported Without Prejudice 4/23/09
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H1252-PCS30356-TD-30

Short Title: Level Playing Field/Cities/Service Providers.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 9, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGH SPEED
3 INTERNET IN RURAL COMMUNITIES AND THE REVENUE LAWS STUDY
4 COMMITTEE TO STUDY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OWNED AND OPERATED
5 COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Select Committee on High Speed Internet and the Revenue
8 Laws Study Committee shall study local government owned and operated communication
9 services. The Committees may propose legislation, if appropriate, to regulate the operation of
10 local government owned and operated communication services. In making this study, the
11 Committees shall consider:

- 12 (1) The private and public costs and the benefits of providing communication
13 services through a private communication services provider compared to a
14 local government owned communication services provider, including the
15 effect on competition, infrastructure deployment and investment by private
16 providers, the implementation of new technologies, existing and future jobs,
17 actual economic development prospects, tax-based growth, education, and
18 public health.
- 19 (2) The regulatory structures applicable to the provision of communication
20 services by local government owned communication services providers as
21 compared to the regulatory structures applicable to the provision of
22 communication services by private providers.
- 23 (3) The effect of competition from local government owned and operated
24 communication services on privately owned communication services.
- 25 (4) The impact on State and local tax revenues from competition by local
26 government owned communication services providers with private
27 providers.
- 28 (5) The extent of communication services currently offered by local
29 governments and the manner in which the capital and operational costs of
30 such services are funded.

31 **SECTION 2.** The Committees shall report their findings and recommendations,
32 including any proposed legislation, to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly.

33 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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