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**A BILL**

To amend section 3353.07 of the Revised Code to  
require the Ohio Government Telecommunications  
service to broadcast all standing committee  
meetings of the Ohio House of Representatives as  
they occur.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3353.07 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 3353.07.** (A) There is hereby created the Ohio  
government telecommunications service. The Ohio government  
telecommunications service shall provide the state government  
and affiliated organizations with multimedia support including  
audio, visual, and internet services, multimedia streaming, and  
hosting multimedia programs.

Services relating to the official activities of the  
general assembly and the executive offices provided by the Ohio  
government telecommunications service shall be funded through  
grants to an educational television broadcasting station that  
will manage the staff and provide the services of the Ohio

government telecommunications service. The Ohio educational 19  
television stations shall select a member station to manage the 20  
Ohio government telecommunications service. The Ohio government 21  
telecommunications service shall receive grants from, or 22  
contract with, any of the three branches of Ohio government, and 23  
their affiliates, to provide additional services. Services 24  
provided by the Ohio government telecommunications service shall 25  
not be used for political purposes included in campaign 26  
materials, or otherwise used to influence an election, 27  
legislation, issue, judicial decision, or other policy of state 28  
government. 29

(B) (1) There is hereby created the legislative programming 30  
committee of the Ohio government telecommunications service that 31  
shall consist of the president of the senate, speaker of the 32  
house of representatives, minority leader of the senate, and 33  
minority leader of the house of representatives, or their 34  
designees, and the clerks of the senate and house of 35  
representatives as nonvoting, ex officio members. By a vote of a 36  
majority of its members, the program committee may add 37  
additional members to the committee. 38

(2) The legislative programming committee shall adopt 39  
rules that govern the operation of the Ohio government 40  
telecommunications service relating to the general assembly and 41  
any affiliated organizations. 42

(C) (1) In addition to any broadcasting of sessions or 43  
committees of the general assembly required pursuant to the 44  
rules adopted under division (B) of this section, the Ohio 45  
government telecommunications service shall, broadcast all 46  
standing committee meetings of the house of representatives with 47  
audio feeds, and also shall broadcast as many standing committee 48

meetings as possible with accompanying video feeds. The 49  
broadcast shall be made available publicly at the time the 50  
committee meeting is conducted and shall be archived on the web 51  
site of the Ohio government telecommunications service for 52  
future public access and use. Visual coverage of committees 53  
shall focus on individual members speaking and shall not consist 54  
of a single wide angle shot of a committee or committee room as 55  
a whole. 56

(2) The legislative programming committee shall adopt 57  
rules that include a standard to be followed by the Ohio 58  
government telecommunications service to govern the 59  
prioritization of committee hearings for broadcast with a video 60  
feed when there is insufficient personnel or an inadequate 61  
quantity of the equipment necessary to broadcast all committee 62  
hearings that are occurring. On these days, the service shall 63  
apply the standard and broadcast, with video feeds, as many 64  
committee hearings as possible with the available personnel and 65  
equipment. The rules adopted by the legislative programming 66  
committee shall require that standing committees of the house of 67  
representatives, which have scheduled a hearing with possible 68  
votes, be prioritized for audio broadcast. 69

**Section 2.** That existing section 3353.07 of the Revised 70  
Code is hereby repealed. 71