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**A BILL**

To amend section 3353.07 of the Revised Code to  
require the Ohio Government Telecommunications  
Service to broadcast live, with video and audio  
content, all General Assembly committee meetings  
and to name this act the Wire the Statehouse  
Act.

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**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:

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**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.

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Services relating to the official activities of the

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general assembly and the executive offices provided by the Ohio 16  
government telecommunications service shall be funded through 17  
grants to an educational television broadcasting station that 18  
will manage the staff and provide the services of the Ohio 19  
government telecommunications service. The Ohio educational 20  
television stations shall select a member station to manage the 21  
Ohio government telecommunications service. The Ohio government 22  
telecommunications service shall receive grants from, or 23  
contract with, any of the three branches of Ohio government, and 24  
their affiliates, to provide additional services. Services 25  
provided by the Ohio government telecommunications service shall 26  
not be used for political purposes included in campaign 27  
materials, or otherwise used to influence an election, 28  
legislation, issue, judicial decision, or other policy of state 29  
government. 30

The Ohio government telecommunications service shall 31  
broadcast live, with video and audio content, all committee 32  
meetings. 33

As used in this division, "committee" and "meeting" have 34  
the meanings defined in section 101.15 of the Revised Code. 35

(B) (1) There is hereby created the legislative programming 36  
committee of the Ohio government telecommunications service that 37  
shall consist of the president of the senate, speaker of the 38  
house of representatives, minority leader of the senate, and 39  
minority leader of the house of representatives, or their 40  
designees, and the clerks of the senate and house of 41  
representatives as nonvoting, ex officio members. By a vote of a 42  
majority of its members, the program committee may add 43  
additional members to the committee. 44

(2) The legislative programming committee shall adopt 45

rules that govern the operation of the Ohio government	46
telecommunications service relating to the general assembly and	47
any affiliated organizations.	48
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 3353.07 of the Revised	49
Code is hereby repealed.	50
<b>Section 3.</b> This act is named the Wire the Statehouse Act.	51