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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