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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.

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 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

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| Section 2. That existing section 3353.07 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. | 49 |
| Section 3. This act is named the Wire the Statehouse Act. | 50 |
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