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Short Title: The Local Gov't Fair Competition Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE UTILITY REVIEW
2 COMMITTEE TO STUDY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OWNED AND OPERATED
3 COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee may study
7 local government owned and operated communication services. The Committee may
8 propose legislation, if appropriate, to regulate the operation of local government owned
9 and operated communications services. In making this study, the Committee shall
10 consider:

- 11 (1) The adequacy of coverage of communications services offered by
12 currently private providers across the State, including rural and other
13 high costs areas.
- 14 (2) The adequacy of communications services currently offered by local
15 governments.
- 16 (3) The private and public costs and the benefits of providing
17 communications service through a private communications service
18 provider compared to a local government owned communications
19 service provider, including the effect on existing and future jobs,
20 actual economic development prospects, tax-base growth, education,
21 and public health.
- 22 (4) The effect on competition with privately owned communications
23 services of local government owned and operated communication
24 services.

25 **SECTION 2.** The Committee may make an interim report of its findings and
26 recommendations to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall
27 submit a final report to the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds
2 appropriated to the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Joint Legislative
3 Utility Review Committee in conducting this study.

4 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.