



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio Government Telecommunications service (OGT) to broadcast all standing committee meetings of the House of Representatives on an audio feed and, if possible, a video feed.
- Requires that the audio and video feeds of the meetings be broadcast in real time while the meetings are taking place and archived on the OGT's website.
- Requires the Legislative Programming Committee to adopt rules prioritizing the committees to be covered by audio and video feeds in the event that OGT staff cannot cover all standing committees.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Audio and video feeds

This bill expands the duties of the Ohio Government Telecommunications service (OGT), which provides multimedia support to the state government, to require that the OGT broadcast all standing House of Representatives committee meetings on an audio feed. The OGT also is required to broadcast as many House standing committee meetings as possible with accompanying video feeds. These video feeds must focus on individual members as they speak in the meetings, and cannot consist of a single wide angle shot of the room as a whole where the meeting is taking place. The audio and video broadcasts must be publicly available in real time as the committee meeting is conducted, and must be archived on the OGT's website for future public access and use.¹

¹ R.C. 3353.07.

Legislative programming committee rules

The Legislative Programming Committee is required under the bill to adopt rules that include a standard for prioritizing the order of committee hearings for video broadcast when there is insufficient personnel or an inadequate quantity of equipment necessary to cover all of the hearings on a given day. On these days, OGT must apply the standard and broadcast, with video feed, as many committee hearings as possible with the available personnel and equipment. These rules also must prioritize for audio broadcast any committees with scheduled a hearing with possible votes. Under current law, the Legislative Programming Committee is authorized to adopt rules governing the relationship between the OGT and General Assembly, but does not have specific guidance as to the content of those rules.

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