



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 536

131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Fedor, K. Smith, Boyd, Patmon, Howse, Antonio, Sweeney, Celebrezze, Curtin, Boggs, Bishoff, Leland, Boyce, Craig, Driehaus, Kuhns, Reece, Sykes, G. Johnson, Strahorn, Ashford, Sheehy, Ramos, Lepore-Hagan, Boccieri, Rogers, S. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, Clyde, Phillips, Cera, Patterson, Butler, Ruhl

BILL SUMMARY

- Names the bill the "Wire the Statehouse Act."
- Requires the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service to broadcast all General Assembly committee meetings live, with video and audio content.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill specifies it is named the "Wire the Statehouse Act."¹ The bill requires the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service (OGTS) to broadcast all General Assembly committee meetings live, with both video and audio content.² Committee meetings mean a committee of either house of the General Assembly, a joint committee of both houses, including a conference committee, or a subcommittee of any of those committees.³ Current law does not require the OGTS to record or broadcast any committee meetings. Under continuing law, OGTS must provide the state government and affiliated organizations with multimedia support including audio, visual, and Internet services, multimedia streaming, and hosting multimedia programs.⁴

¹ Section 3.

² R.C. 3353.07.

³ R.C. 101.15, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 3353.07.

HISTORY

ACTION

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