

HCS HB 1750 -- TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGE ACCESS RATES (Jones, 89)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Utilities

This substitute requires certain incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies to reduce, by December 31, 2010, and annually thereafter, both its composite originating and terminating intrastate switched exchange access rates by 5% of the difference between its current composite intrastate and the interstate switched exchange access rates. By December 31, 2019, the originating and terminating composite intrastate switched exchange access rates must be 50% of the difference between the original rates and the current rates.

Certain small incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies serving fewer than 25,000 access lines as of January 1, 2010, and rural alternative local exchange telecommunications companies that meet the specified criteria will be exempt from the provisions of the substitute.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.