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This bill requires an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company to reduce for a period of three years its composite intrastate switched exchange access rates annually by 6% of the difference, as determined immediately preceding the first required reduction, between its composite interstate switched exchange access rates and its composite intrastate switched exchange access rates. The first reduction must occur by March 1, 2011, and each subsequent reduction by March 1 of the next two years. A company whose intrastate rates have been impacted by this reduction must submit a report to a chair in the Senate, designated by the President Pro Tem, and a chair in the House of Representatives, designated by the Speaker, between January 15 and January 30 of each year a reduction occurs regarding the company's quality of consumer service, build-out of telecommunications infrastructure, the financial impact of the bill on the company, and any other non-proprietary matters requested by the committee chairs. This requirement will not apply to a small incumbent local exchange telecommunications company serving fewer than 25,000 access lines as of January 1, 2010, or certain rural alternative local exchange telecommunications companies as specified in the bill.