



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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130th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Ramos, Barborak, Ashford, Milkovich, Lundy, R. Hagan, Dovilla, Antonio, Foley, Fedor, Phillips, Retherford

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service (OGTS) to broadcast all standing committee meetings of the Ohio House of Representatives with both audio and visual feeds.
 - Requires the broadcast to be made available publicly at the time the committee meeting is conducted and to be archived on OGTS's website for future public access and use.
 - Requires visual coverage to focus on individual members speaking and prohibits a single wide angle shot of a committee or committee room as a whole.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Broadcast of standing committee meetings

The bill requires the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service (OGTS) to broadcast all standing committee meetings of the Ohio House of Representatives with both visual and audio feeds. The broadcasts are to be made publicly available while a committee meeting is taking place. The broadcast also is to be archived on OGTS's website for future public access and use. The visual coverage is to focus on individual members who are speaking, and is not to consist of a single wide angle shot of a committee or committee room as a whole.

Under current law, the legislative programming committee, which consists of majority and minority leadership, is required to adopt rules that govern the operation

of OGTS's services relating to the general assembly.¹ Current practice is to require that all floor sessions of the general assembly be broadcast. The bill, as noted above, requires that all standing committee meetings of the House of Representatives also be broadcast.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-10-13

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¹ R.C. 3353.07(B)(2).

