

April 8, 2009

**H 1252. LEVEL PLAYING FIELD/CITIES/SERVICE PROVIDERS (=S 1004).** Filed 4/8/09. *TO REGULATE COMPETITION BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BUSINESS BY REQUIRING CITIES THAT PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC TO COMPLY WITH LAWS APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS, TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE ENTERPRISE FUNDS, TO NOT CROSS-SUBSIDIZE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, TO IMPUTE THE COSTS THAT WOULD BE INCURRED BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS, TO ANNUALLY REMIT TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND THE COSTS THAT WOULD BE INCURRED BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS, AND TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES.* Identical to S 1004, filed 3/25/09.  
**Intro. by Harrell.** GS 62, 160A

April 23, 2009

**H 1252. LEVEL PLAYING FIELD/ CITIES/ SERVICE PROVIDERS.** Filed 4/8/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Amends proposed GS 160A-329(b)(3) to provide that the prohibition against a city subsidizing the cost of providing communications service with funds from non-communications service, operation, or other revenue source does not apply to funds from state or federal grants and other governmental stimulus programs. Deletes the provision providing for injunctive relief by a party aggrieved by the actions of a city-owned communications service provider.

May 6, 2009

**H 1252. LEVEL PLAYING FIELD/CITIES/SERVICE PROVIDERS.** Filed 4/8/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes provisions of the previous edition and replaces it with *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGH SPEED INTERNET IN RURAL COMMUNITIES AND THE REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OWNED AND OPERATED COMMUNICATION SERVICES.* Authorizes a study by the Joint Select Committee on High Speed Internet and Revenue Laws Study Committee. Committees are to study local government owned and operated communications services and may propose legislation for regulation of such services. Lists issues to be considered in the study, including public costs and benefits, effect on competition, effect on tax revenues and how local governments fund costs of services. Committees to report to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly.