

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Black:

Please review this bill very carefully to make sure that it achieves your intent. In particular, please note the following:

1. The bill requires prior PSC approval of mergers, consolidations and certain other transactions that involve "telecommunications utilities", which is defined under s. 196.01 (10), stats., to *not* include telecommunications carriers. Is this okay?

2. The bill repeals s. 196.805, stats., because, under the bill, telecommunications utilities are subject to s. 196.80, stats. It may be advisable to contact the PSC to determine whether this repeal has any unintended consequences. In particular, I am concerned about the 2nd sentence of s. 196.805 (1), stats., which states that the PSC "shall retain continuing supervisory jurisdiction over the telecommunications utility, as necessary to enforce ss. 196.204 and 196.219". Although I don't think that repealing this sentence is inconsistent with your intent, it may be advisable to seek the PSC's input. Please contact me if you want to pursue this issue.

If you have any questions or redraft instructions, please contact me.

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