

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB EDTS 11-08 Telecommunications Company Workers

SPONSOR(S): Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Kruse	Kruse

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

In 1995, the Legislature created s. 446.60, F.S., to provide assistance to certain telecommunications workers. The statute provides that the now abolished Department of Labor and Employment Security was to provide assistance to local exchange telecommunications company workers pursuant to any applicable state or federal program within its jurisdiction, to any individual employed in the state by a local exchange telecommunications company on June 30, 1995, who is displaced, dislocated, severed, or retired from employment as a result of the introduction of competition. The need for assistance to these workers has long passed and the statute is inactive.

The bill repeals the section of law that directed the former Department of Labor and Employment Security to provide assistance to displaced local exchange telecommunications company workers.

The bill has no fiscal impact.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

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The need for telecommunications worker job assistance has long passed and this statute is inactive.

Changes made by the bill

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The bill has no fiscal impact.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2011.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Repeals s. 446.60, F.S.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2011.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to: require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.