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HOUSE BILL DRH10101-MM-40

Short Title: Broadcast NC House of Reps Sessions. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives D. Hall, Saine, and Jones (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES ARE BROADCAST TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND TO
4 STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF TELEVISIONING ALL SESSIONS.

5 Whereas, it is a duty of the North Carolina House of Representatives to provide access
6 to the citizens of the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Internet Broadcast of Sessions. – The North Carolina House of
9 Representatives shall provide the general public with video access of its daily legislative sessions.
10 The General Assembly shall install video equipment in the House of Representatives chamber,
11 an on-site control center to manage all production aspects of recording, and ensure Internet
12 broadcasting of each daily session. The Legislative Services Office shall provide staff to the
13 Information Systems Division (ISD) which shall be responsible for procuring video equipment
14 and implementing the daily video production and broadcast of the House of Representatives'
15 daily sessions. ISD shall also archive the video recordings and make such recordings accessible
16 to the public on the General Assembly Web site.

17 **SECTION 2.** Televising Selected Sessions. – The University of North Carolina Center
18 for Public Television shall broadcast daily sessions of the House of Representatives that are of
19 particular public importance.

20 **SECTION 3.** Study Televising All Sessions. – There is created the House Select
21 Committee on Televising Legislative Sessions (Committee). The Committee shall study the
22 feasibility of creating a new channel for use by The University of North Carolina Center for
23 Public Television to broadcast all legislative sessions of the House of Representatives.

24 The Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the Speaker of the House
25 of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate the chair. The Committee shall meet upon the
26 call of the Chair. A majority shall constitute a quorum of the Committee and no official action
27 may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present. While in the
28 discharge of its official duties, the Committee shall have the powers under G.S. 120-19 and
29 G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4.

30 Members of the Committee receive subsistence and travel expenses as provided in
31 G.S. 120-3.1. The Committee may contract for consultants or hire employees in accordance with
32 G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer,
33 shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. Upon the direction of the
34 Legislative Services Commission, the Supervisors of Clerks of the Senate and of the House of
35 Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the Committee.



1 The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2019 General
2 Assembly no later than April 15, 2020. The Committee shall terminate upon submission of its
3 report or April 15, 2020, whichever occurs first.

4 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.