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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the sale or lease of the Iowa communications  
2 network.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SALE OR LEASE OF IOWA COMMUNICATIONS  
2 NETWORK. The Iowa telecommunications and technology commission  
3 shall implement a request for proposals process to sell  
4 or lease the Iowa communications network. The request for  
5 proposals shall provide for the sale to be concluded or the  
6 lease to commence during the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
7 2011. The commission shall condition the sale or lease of the  
8 Iowa communications network with terms that will allow existing  
9 authorized users of the network to continue such use at a  
10 lower overall long-term cost when compared to the anticipated  
11 operation and maintenance costs if state ownership and control  
12 were to continue. The commission shall submit periodic status  
13 reports to the general assembly at three-month intervals,  
14 beginning on October 1, 2011, regarding progress made toward  
15 selling or leasing the network.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill directs the Iowa telecommunications and technology  
18 commission to implement a request for proposals process to sell  
19 or lease the Iowa communications network, with the sale to be  
20 concluded or lease to commence during the fiscal year beginning  
21 July 1, 2011. The bill specifies that the sale or lease must  
22 allow existing authorized users of the network to continue  
23 use at a lower overall long-term cost when compared to the  
24 anticipated operation and maintenance costs if state ownership  
25 and control were to continue. The bill requires the commission  
26 to submit status reports to the general assembly every three  
27 months, beginning October 1, 2011, regarding progress made  
28 toward selling or leasing the network.