

House Bill 332 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Parsons of the 42nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 46-5-167 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Universal Access Fund, so as to eliminate unnecessary regulation by revising certain
3 provisions related to such fund; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 46-5-167 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Universal
8 Access Fund, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

9 "(g) A local exchange company or other company shall not establish a surcharge on
10 customers' bills to collect from customers' contributions required under this Code section
11 without first submitting to the Public Service Commission the methodology and data used
12 by such company for approval by the commission and upon a showing that the surcharge
13 does not result in a net rate increase; provided, however, that such company shall not be
14 required to submit for approval separate line items or surcharges that are specifically
15 authorized or required by federal or state law."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
18 without such approval.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.