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Senator Balint moves to amend the bill by adding Sec. X to read as follows:

Sec. X. PEG ACCESS; JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; REPORT

On or before December 15, 2019, the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee established under 2 V.S.A. chapter 18 shall submit to the General Assembly a report that addresses public, educational, and government (PEG) access television in Vermont. The report shall include findings and recommendations regarding any changes in federal and State law and policy, market trends, and any other matters that have an affect on the availability of or funding for PEG access television. The Committee shall hold at least one public hearing on the value of PEG access to Vermont communities; the costs of such programming and related services; and options for sustainable funding for PEG access television. The Committee shall solicit input from regulators, communications providers, access management organizations, and any other organizations and individuals deemed appropriate by the Committee.