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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the public broadcasting program
3 system; amending ss. 1001.25 and 1001.26, F.S.;
4 including certain television stations licensed by the
5 Federal Communications Commission for which support
6 and funding may be given by the Department of
7 Education; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
12 1001.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1001.25 Educational television.—

14 (2) POWERS OF DEPARTMENT.—

15 (c) 1. The department may provide equipment, funds, and
16 other services to extend and update both the existing and the
17 proposed educational television and radio systems of tax-
18 supported and nonprofit, corporate-owned facilities. All
19 stations funded must be qualified by the Corporation for Public
20 Broadcasting. New stations eligible for funding shall provide a
21 first service to an audience that is not currently receiving a
22 broadcast signal or provide a significant new program service as
23 defined by State Board of Education rules. Funds appropriated to
24 the department for educational television and funds appropriated
25 to the department for educational radio may be used by the
26 department for either educational television or educational
27 radio, or both.

28 2. The department may also provide equipment, funds, and

29 other services to a television station that is owned and
 30 operated by a district school board and licensed as of January
 31 1, 2012, by the Federal Communications Commission as a full-
 32 power educational broadcast station. Funds provided to such a
 33 television station must be used for educational television
 34 programming and services, including curriculum-based
 35 instructional programming, citizen's participation programming,
 36 music and fine arts programs, coverage of public hearings and
 37 governmental meetings, and other public interest programming. A
 38 television station that provides programming that is
 39 specifically designed to further the principles of a particular
 40 religion may not be funded under this subparagraph.

41 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph
 42 (c) of subsection (2) of section 1001.26, Florida Statutes, are
 43 amended to read:

44 1001.26 Public broadcasting program system.—

45 (1) There is created a public broadcasting program system
 46 for the state. The department shall administer this program
 47 system pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of
 48 Education. This program system must complement and share
 49 resources with the instructional programming service of the
 50 Department of Education and educational UHF, VHF, ITFS, and FM
 51 stations in the state. The program system must include:

52 (a) Support for existing Corporation for Public
 53 Broadcasting qualified program system educational radio and
 54 television stations, ~~and~~ new stations meeting Corporation for
 55 Public Broadcasting qualifications and providing a first service
 56 to an audience that does not currently receive a broadcast

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57 | signal or providing a significant new program service as defined
58 | by rule by the State Board of Education, and television stations
59 | that are owned and operated by a district school board and
60 | licensed as of July 1, 2012, by the Federal Communications
61 | Commission as a full-power educational broadcast station.

62 | (2)

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64 | equipment, funds, and other services to extend and update both
65 | the existing and the proposed educational television and radio
66 | systems of tax-supported and nonprofit, corporate-owned
67 | facilities. All stations funded must be qualified by the
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89 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.