

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the public broadcasting program system;
 3 amending s. 1001.26, F.S.; including certain stations
 4 licensed by the Federal Communications Commission for
 5 which support and funding may be given; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph
 11 (c) of subsection (2) of section 1001.26, Florida Statutes, are
 12 amended to read:

13 1001.26 Public broadcasting program system.--

14 (1) There is created a public broadcasting program system
 15 for the state. The department shall administer this program
 16 system pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of
 17 Education. This program system must complement and share
 18 resources with the instructional programming service of the
 19 Department of Education and educational UHF, VHF, ITFS, and FM
 20 stations in the state. The program system must include:

21 (a) Support for existing Corporation for Public
 22 Broadcasting qualified program system educational radio and
 23 television stations and new stations meeting Corporation for
 24 Public Broadcasting qualifications or licensed by the Federal
 25 Communications Commission as full-power, noncommercial
 26 educational broadcast stations and providing a first service to
 27 an audience that does not currently receive a broadcast signal

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28 | or providing a significant new program service as defined by
29 | rule by the State Board of Education.

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31 | (c) The department is authorized to provide equipment,
32 | funds, and other services to extend and update both the existing
33 | and the proposed educational television and radio systems of
34 | tax-supported and nonprofit, corporate-owned facilities. All
35 | stations funded must be qualified by the Corporation for Public
36 | Broadcasting or licensed by the Federal Communications
37 | Commission as full-power, noncommercial educational broadcast
38 | stations. New stations eligible for funding shall provide a
39 | first service to an audience that is not currently receiving a
40 | broadcast signal or provide a significant new program service as
41 | defined by State Board of Education rules. Funds appropriated to
42 | the department for educational television and funds appropriated
43 | to the department for educational radio may be used by the
44 | department for either educational television or educational
45 | radio, or for both.

46 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.