

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 89

By: Jolley of the Senate

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4 Murphey of the House

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7 An Act relating to educational television; amending  
8 70 O.S. 2001, Section 23-101, which relates to the  
9 Oklahoma Educational Television Authority; directing  
10 development of Oklahoma Public Events Network;  
11 specifying certain requirements for public viewing;  
12 and providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 23-101, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 23-101. A. It is the intent of the Oklahoma  
17 Legislature and the purpose of this article to make educational  
18 television services available to all Oklahoma citizens on a  
19 coordinated statewide basis. ~~Said educational~~ Educational  
20 television services shall be provided by and through the various  
21 educational and cultural agencies in the State of Oklahoma under the  
22 direction and supervision of the Oklahoma Educational Television  
23 Authority hereinafter created.

24 B. The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority is hereby  
authorized and empowered to plan, construct, repair, maintain and

1 operate educational television facilities with channels assigned by  
2 the Federal Communications Commission to the State of Oklahoma for  
3 educational television purposes. The purpose of ~~said~~ the Authority  
4 shall be to provide a statewide educational television system,  
5 including any arrangements for extension thereof and interchanges  
6 and rental as may be necessary in establishing such statewide  
7 facilities.

8 C. The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority is hereby  
9 directed to develop the Oklahoma Public Events Network (OPEN), in  
10 order to increase public access to and awareness of the operations  
11 of the Oklahoma Legislature and state government. The Oklahoma  
12 Public Events Network shall be operated by the Authority using its  
13 existing resources, in such a manner that citizens of this state  
14 will be able to view daily sessions of the Legislature when it is in  
15 session, either on a television channel, on the Internet or by other  
16 means. When the Legislature is not in session, the Oklahoma Public  
17 Events Network shall operate such resources in such a manner that  
18 citizens of this state will be able to view meetings of state agency  
19 governing boards and commissions, public hearings and other events  
20 of public interest.

21 D. The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority is hereby  
22 authorized to issue revenue bonds of the Authority payable solely  
23 from dedicated revenues to pay the cost of providing educational  
24 television facilities as authorized in this article. Such revenue

1 bonds shall never become obligations of the State of Oklahoma, but  
2 shall be retired by the Authority as provided in this article. Such  
3 revenue bonds shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the  
4 effect that neither the state nor the Authority shall be obligated  
5 to pay the same or the interest thereon except from revenues  
6 dedicated by the Legislature, and that neither the faith and credit  
7 nor the taxing power of the state or any political subdivision  
8 thereof is pledged, or may hereafter be pledged, to the payment of  
9 the principal of, or the interest on, such bonds.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

11 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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15 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

16 2011.

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