

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 89

By: Jolley of the Senate

and

Murphey and Cockroft of the  
House

10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

20                   Section 23-101.   A.   It is the intent of the Oklahoma  
21 Legislature and the purpose of this article to make educational  
22 television services available to all Oklahoma citizens on a  
23 coordinated statewide basis.   ~~Said educational~~   Educational

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 television services shall be provided by and through the various  
2 educational and cultural agencies in the State of Oklahoma under the  
3 direction and supervision of the Oklahoma Educational Television  
4 Authority hereinafter created.

5 B. The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority is hereby  
6 authorized and empowered to plan, construct, repair, maintain and  
7 operate educational television facilities with channels assigned by  
8 the Federal Communications Commission to the State of Oklahoma for  
9 educational television purposes. The purpose of ~~said~~ the Authority  
10 shall be to provide a statewide educational television system,  
11 including any arrangements for extension thereof and interchanges  
12 and rental as may be necessary in establishing such statewide  
13 facilities.

14 C. The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority is hereby  
15 directed to develop the Oklahoma Public Events Network (OPEN), in  
16 order to increase public access to and awareness of the operations  
17 of the Oklahoma Legislature and state government. The Oklahoma  
18 Public Events Network shall be operated by the Authority using its  
19 existing resources, in such a manner that citizens of this state  
20 will be able to view daily sessions of the Legislature, including  
21 all committee and subcommittee meetings, when it is in session,  
22 either on a television channel, on the Internet or by other means.  
23 When the Legislature is not in session, the Oklahoma Public Events

1 Network shall operate such resources in such a manner that citizens  
2 of this state will be able to view meetings of state agency  
3 governing boards and commissions, public hearings and other events  
4 of public interest.

5 D. The Oklahoma Educational Television Authority is hereby  
6 authorized to issue revenue bonds of the Authority payable solely  
7 from dedicated revenues to pay the cost of providing educational  
8 television facilities as authorized in this article. Such revenue  
9 bonds shall never become obligations of the State of Oklahoma, but  
10 shall be retired by the Authority as provided in this article. Such  
11 revenue bonds shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the  
12 effect that neither the state nor the Authority shall be obligated  
13 to pay the same or the interest thereon except from revenues  
14 dedicated by the Legislature, and that neither the faith and credit  
15 nor the taxing power of the state or any political subdivision  
16 thereof is pledged, or may hereafter be pledged, to the payment of  
17 the principal of, or the interest on, such bonds.

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION, dated  
21 03-28-2011 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.