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2 SSWP555-1
3 By Senator Chesteen
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Alabama Educational Television Foundation Authority may not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation.

This bill would authorize the authority to engage in activity and use funds to secure additional funding.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Educational Television Foundation Authority; to amend Section 16-7A-5, Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize the Alabama Educational Television Foundation Authority to use funds to secure additional funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-7A-5, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-7A-5

(a) The activities of the authority shall not include, directly or indirectly, the carrying on of propaganda, or



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otherwise attempting to influence legislation or engaging in political campaigns.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the authority may use funds to engage in fundraising, solicit donations, and otherwise secure additional funding for the authority, provided that the use is in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code and applicable federal regulations."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.