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1 SB257  
2 SSWP555-1  
3 By Senator Chesteen  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
5 First Read: 19-Mar-25



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4     SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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14                 A BILL  
15                 TO BE ENTITLED  
16                 AN ACT

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

23                 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

26                 "§16-7A-5

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

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29 otherwise attempting to influence legislation or engaging in  
30 political campaigns.

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

36 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
37 1, 2025.