

By Senator King

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to education; authorizing district school boards to allow the use of an opening or closing message at secondary school-related, noncompulsory student assemblies; providing requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Any district school board is authorized to allow the use of a brief opening or closing message, or both, at any secondary school-related sporting event or noncompulsory student assembly including, but not limited to, graduation. Such message may not exceed 2 minutes in length and may include, but is not limited to, an invocation, prayer, poetry, or inspirational thought. If the participating student body chooses to use such a message:

(1) The message must be given by a student volunteer, chosen by the participating student body.

(2) The content of the message must be prepared by the student volunteer and must be subject to monitoring or review by the district school board, its officers, or its employees or by the school principal to assure that the message's content is nondenominational.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Authorizes district school boards to allow the use of an opening or closing message at secondary school-related, noncompulsory student assemblies. Provides requirements for such messages.