1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to education; authorizing
3	individual district school boards by resolution
4	to allow invocation or benediction at specified
5	secondary school-related events; providing
6	legislative intent; providing for severability;
7	providing an effective date.
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9	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11	Section 1. Any district school board is authorized to
12	adopt a resolution allowing the use of an invocation or a
13	benediction at a secondary school commencement exercise or a
14	secondary school-related noncompulsory student assembly. The
15	resolution must provide:
16	(1) That the use of an invocation or a benediction
17	shall be at the discretion of the students.
18	(2) That an invocation or a benediction, if used,
19	shall be given by a student volunteer. Selection of student
20	volunteer shall not be made by majority vote.
21	(3) That an invocation or a benediction shall be
22	nonsectarian and nonproselytizing in nature.
23	(4) That school personnel shall not participate in, or
24	otherwise influence the exercise of the discretion of the
25	students in, the determination of whether to use an invocation
26	or a benediction.
27	Section 2. It is the purpose of this act to provide
28	for the solemnization and memorialization of secondary school
29	events and ceremonies, and this act is not intended to advance
30	or endorse any religion or religious belief.
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1   Section 3. If any provision of this act or the

2   application thereof to any person or circumstance is held

3   invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or

4   applications of the act which can be given effect without the

5   invalid provision or application, and to this end the

6   provisions of this act are declared severable.

7   Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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