

By Representative Evers

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to education; authorizing  
 3           district school boards to allow the delivery of  
 4           an inspirational message at noncompulsory high  
 5           school events; providing legislative intent;  
 6           providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. School boards are authorized, but not  
 11 required, to permit an inspirational message, including a  
 12 prayer or invocation, at noncompulsory high school activities,  
 13 including student assemblies, sports events, and other  
 14 school-related activities, if a majority of the students  
 15 participating request an inspirational message and select a  
 16 student representative to deliver the message.

17           Section 2. It is the purpose of this act to provide  
 18 for the solemnization and memorialization of noncompulsory  
 19 high school events and ceremonies.

20           Section 3. This act is not intended to prohibit the  
 21 school or school officials from disciplining students in  
 22 regard to unprotected speech or behavior that is inappropriate  
 23 or disruptive.

24           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
 25 law.

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28 SENATE SUMMARY

29 Authorizes district school boards to allow the delivery  
 30 of an inspirational message at noncompulsory high school  
 31 events. Provides legislative intent.