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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to education; authorizing district school boards to establish a school, class, or educational program in which enrollment is limited to pupils of a single gender; providing conditions to such authorization; requiring that pupils' participation in single-gender classes be voluntary; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Single-gender schools, classes, and programs authorized.--

(1) Subject to subsection (2), a district school board may establish and maintain a school, class, or program within a school in which enrollment is limited to pupils of a single gender if the school district also makes available to pupils a coeducational school, class, or program that has substantially equal academic standards and a school, class, or program for pupils of the other gender which has substantially equal academic standards.

(2) If a district school board establishes a single-gender school, class, or program as described in subsection (1), the school district may not require participation by any of its pupils in the single-gender school, class, or program. The school board must ensure that participation by pupils in a single-gender school, class, or program is wholly voluntary.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes district school boards to establish a school, class, or educational program in which enrollment is limited to pupils of a single gender if educational programs having comparable academic standards are provided for the other gender. Requires that pupils' participation in single-gender classes be voluntary.