

HB 213

2008

1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to education; authorizing district school  
3 boards to establish a school, class, or educational  
4 program in which enrollment is limited to students of a  
5 single gender; providing conditions to such authorization;  
6 requiring that students' participation in single-gender  
7 classes be voluntary; 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. Single-gender schools, classes, and programs  
12 authorized.--

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

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

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.