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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 pupils of a
5 single gender; providing conditions to such authorization;
6 requiring that pupils' 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 pupils of a single
16 gender if the school district also makes available to pupils a
17 coeducational school, class, or program that has substantially
18 equal academic standards and a school, class, or program for
19 pupils of the other gender which has substantially equal academic
20 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 pupils in the single-gender school, class, or program. The school
25 board must ensure that participation by pupils in a single-gender
26 school, class, or program is voluntary.

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