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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to public education; creating s.  
3 1003.4505, F.S.; authorizing district school boards to  
4 permit the delivery of an inspirational message at a  
5 noncompulsory high school event; providing purpose;  
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. Section 1003.4505, Florida Statutes, is created  
11 to read:

12 1003.4505 Inspirational message.-

13 (1) District school boards are authorized, but not  
14 required, to permit the delivery of an inspirational message,  
15 including a prayer or invocation, at a noncompulsory high school  
16 activity, including a student assembly, a sports event, or other  
17 school-related activity, if a majority of the participating  
18 students request the delivery of an inspirational message and  
19 select a student representative to deliver the message.

20 (2) The purpose of this section is to provide for the  
21 solemnization and memorialization of noncompulsory high school  
22 events and ceremonies. This section shall not prohibit a school  
23 or school official from disciplining students in regard to  
24 unprotected speech or behavior that is inappropriate or  
25 disruptive.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.