

By Senator Wise

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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 an invocation, at a noncompulsory high
16 school activity, including a student assembly, a sports event,
17 or other school-related activity, if a majority of the
18 participating students request the delivery of an inspirational
19 message and select a student representative to deliver the
20 message.

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

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.