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2 An act relating to single-gender public school  
3 programs; amending s. 1002.311, F.S.; providing  
4 requirements for a district school board when  
5 establishing a gender-specific elementary, middle, or  
6 high school; requiring school administrative and  
7 instructional personnel to participate in professional  
8 development; providing accountability requirements;  
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.311, Florida  
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1002.311 Single-gender programs authorized.—

16 (2) A district school board that establishes a single-  
17 gender class, extracurricular activity, or school:

18 (a) May not require participation by any student. The  
19 district school board must ensure that participation in the  
20 single-gender class, extracurricular activity, or school is  
21 voluntary.

22 (b) Must evaluate each single-gender class,  
23 extracurricular activity, or school in the school district at  
24 least once every 2 years in order to ensure that it is in  
25 compliance with this section and 34 C.F.R. s. 106.34.

26 (c) Must comply with the following requirements when

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27 establishing a gender-specific elementary, middle, or high  
28 school:

29 1. Separate into grade-level boys-only classes and girls-  
30 only classes during instruction in core courses.

31 2. Open enrollment to all students within the school  
32 district.

33 3. Require the school's administrative and instructional  
34 personnel to participate in professional development that  
35 includes scheduling and instructional strategies.

36 4. Provide to the department a comparison of the academic  
37 performance of students in the gender-specific elementary,  
38 middle, or high school with the academic performance of students  
39 in other public elementary, middle, or high schools, as  
40 appropriate, in the school district.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.