

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to opening remarks at high school
 3 athletic events; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring
 4 the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)
 5 to provide schools participating in certain FHSAA
 6 events the opportunity for opening remarks; providing
 7 requirements for such opening remarks; requiring
 8 certain announcements before such opening remarks;
 9 providing that opening remarks at regular season
 10 events are at the discretion of FHSAA member schools;
 11 providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (2) of
 16 section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

18 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—

19 (n) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws, policies, or procedures
 20 that provide each school participating in a Florida High School
 21 State Championship Series event the opportunity to make brief
 22 opening remarks, if requested by the school, using the public
 23 address system at the event. Such remarks may not be longer than
 24 2 minutes per school. The FHSAA may not control, monitor, or
 25 review the content of the opening remarks and may not control

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26 | the school's choice of speaker. Before the opening remarks, an
27 | announcement must be made that that the content of any opening
28 | remarks by a participating school are not endorsed by and do not
29 | reflect the views and opinions of the FHSAA. The decision to
30 | allow opening remarks before regular season events is at the
31 | discretion of each FHSAA member school.

32 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.