A bill to be entitled
An act relating to opening remarks at high school
athletic contests; creating s. 1006.185, F.S.;
requiring certain athletic associations to create
bylaws, policies, or procedures allowing opening
remarks at specified events; providing requirements
for such remarks; requiring certain announcements
before such opening remarks; providing that opening
remarks at specified events are at the discretion of
each school; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1006.185, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1006.185 Opening remarks at high school athletic
contests.—Each athletic association whose membership includes
public schools shall adopt bylaws, policies, or procedures that
provide each school participating in a high school championship
contest, or series of contests, under the direction and
supervision of the association, the opportunity to make brief
opening remarks, if requested by the school, using the public
address system at the event. Such remarks may not be longer than
2 minutes per school. The athletic association may not control,
monitor, or review the content of the opening remarks and may
not control the school's choice of speaker. Before the opening remarks, an announcement must be made that the content of any opening remarks by a participating school are not endorsed by and do not reflect the views and opinions of the athletic association. The decision to allow opening remarks before regular season contests is at the discretion of each school.

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