

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public education; creating s.
 3 1003.4505, F.S.; prohibiting district school boards,
 4 administrative personnel, and instructional personnel from
 5 discouraging or inhibiting student delivery of an
 6 inspirational message at a noncompulsory high school
 7 activity; prohibiting district school boards,
 8 administrative personnel, and instructional personnel from
 9 taking affirmative action that infringes or waives the
 10 rights or freedoms afforded by the First Amendment to the
 11 United States Constitution; 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. Section 1003.4505, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 1003.4505 Delivery of inspirational message.—

18 (1) District school boards, administrative personnel, and
 19 instructional personnel are prohibited from discouraging or
 20 inhibiting the delivery of an inspirational message, including,
 21 but not limited to, a prayer or an invocation, at a
 22 noncompulsory high school activity, including, but not limited
 23 to, a student assembly, a sports event, or other noncompulsory
 24 school-related activity, if the participating students request
 25 and initiate the delivery of such inspirational message and
 26 select a student representative to deliver the message.

27 (2) District school boards, administrative personnel, and
 28 instructional personnel are prohibited from taking affirmative

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29 action, including, but not limited to, the entry into any
30 agreement, that infringes or waives the rights or freedoms
31 afforded to instructional personnel, school staff, or students
32 by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, in the
33 absence of the express written consent of any individual whose
34 constitutional rights would be impacted by such infringement or
35 waiver.

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