

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

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

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

16          1006.185   Opening remarks at high school athletic  
17   contests.—Each athletic association whose membership includes  
18   public schools shall adopt bylaws, policies, or procedures that  
19   provide each school participating in a high school championship  
20   contest, or series of contests, under the direction and  
21   supervision of the association, 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 athletic association may not control,  
25   monitor, or review the content of the opening remarks and may

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

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