

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Education Pre-K - 12**

**CS/SB 98 — Education**

by Judiciary Committee and Senators Siplin, Evers, Storms and Negron

The bill authorizes district school boards to adopt policies which would permit a student to deliver an inspirational message at a student assembly. The bill clarifies that students retain control over the decision to provide an inspirational message and the choice of student volunteers to deliver the message. The content of the message is entirely at the discretion of the student volunteer.

School district personnel are prohibited from involvement in the following:

- Determining whether an inspirational message is to be delivered;
- Selecting a student to deliver the message; and
- Monitoring or reviewing message content.

The bill provides as its purpose the formal or ceremonious observance of an occasion or event.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

*Vote: Senate 31-8; House 88-27*