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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to single-gender public school programs; amending s. 1002.311, F.S.; providing requirements for a district school board when establishing a gender-specific elementary, middle, or high school; requiring school administrative and instructional personnel to participate in professional development; providing accountability requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1002.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.311 Single-gender programs authorized.—

(2) A district school board that establishes a single-gender class, extracurricular activity, or school:

(a) May not require participation by any student. The district school board must ensure that participation in the single-gender class, extracurricular activity, or school is voluntary.

(b) Must evaluate each single-gender class, extracurricular activity, or school in the school district at least once every 2 years in order to ensure that it is in compliance with this section and 34 C.F.R. s. 106.34.

(c) Must comply with the following requirements when establishing a gender-specific elementary, middle, or high



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28 school:

29 1. Separate into grade-level boys-only classes and girls-
30 only classes during instruction in core courses.

31 2. Offer open enrollment to all students within the school
32 district.

33 3. Require the school's administrative and instructional
34 personnel to participate in professional development that
35 includes scheduling and instructional strategies.

36 4. Provide to the department a comparison of the academic
37 performance of students in the gender-specific elementary,
38 middle, or high school with the academic performance of students
39 in other public elementary, middle, or high schools, as
40 appropriate, in the school district.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.