

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

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.