

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1940

By: Bennett

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; authorizing a school district to adopt a policy that allows an inspirational message to be delivered by students at a student assembly; specifying policy requirements; stating purpose; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A school district board of education may adopt a policy allowing an inspirational message to be delivered by students at a student assembly. The policy shall provide that:

1. Students who are responsible for organizing any student-led portion of a student assembly shall:

a. have sole discretion in determining whether an inspirational message is to be delivered, and

1 b. choose the student volunteers who will deliver an
2 inspirational message. The student volunteers shall
3 be solely responsible for the preparation and content
4 of the inspirational message; and

5 2. School district personnel shall not:

6 a. participate in, or otherwise influence, the
7 determination of whether an inspirational message is
8 to be delivered or select the student volunteers who
9 will deliver the inspirational message, and

10 b. monitor or otherwise review the content of the
11 inspirational message to be delivered by a student
12 volunteer.

13 B. The purpose of this section is to provide students with the
14 opportunity for formal or ceremonious observance of an occasion or
15 event.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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