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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each K-12 public school to broadcast or sanction the performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the commencement of each school-sanctioned sporting event and at least once per week at each public K-12 school during school hours.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 schools; to require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast or sanction the performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the commencement of each school-sanctioned sporting event and at least once per week at each public K-12 school during school hours.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Local boards of education shall adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast "The Star-Spangled Banner" as follows:

(1) At the commencement of each school-sanctioned sporting event, except that if any part of two or more school-sanctioned sporting events occur on the same day at the same school, a school may choose to broadcast "The Star-Spangled Banner" at only one of the events.

(2) At public K-12 schools, during school hours, at least once per week.

(b)(1) Local boards of education shall select for broadcast, pursuant to subsection (a), from any of the recordings of "The Star-Spangled Banner" that are archived within the Library of Congress which are available on the Library of Congress website.

(2) A local board of education, alternatively, may adopt a policy allowing for any of the following at school-sanctioned sporting events, at schools during school hours, or both:

a. The performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" from original sheet music, archived within the Library of Congress and available on its website, by a school-sanctioned band program.

b. The performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" from original sheet music, archived within the Library of Congress and available on its website, by a school-sanctioned chorale program, vocal group, or vocalist.

c. The performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the body of attendees of the event, to be led by a vocalist selected by the principal of the school hosting the event.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.