

AN AMENDMENT TO PROTECT PRAYER AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado as an amendment to the state Constitution, that:

Section 1. Nothing in this Constitution or in the Constitution of the United States shall be interpreted to prohibit a student at a school-related graduation or commencement ceremony to voluntarily say a prayer, invocation and/or benediction, sing a song, read a poem or read from other written material with religious content providing no school administrator, teacher or official associated with a public school encouraged, suggested or in any way promoted such activity to the student.

Section 2. This act shall not be interpreted to conflict with existing state or federal law for student initiated activity during a graduation ceremony involving religious speech on public school property.

Section 3. Any prayer or other activity with religious content on public school property during a school-related graduation ceremony shall not be construed to indicate any support, approval, or sanction by the State of Colorado, any political subdivision thereof, municipal corporation, governmental entity of any description, or any agent or employee of any governmental entity, of the contents of any such speech or be an unconstitutional use of public property, or be the promotion of or the establishment of or the preference for any religion or religious belief.

Section 4. The provisions of this act are severable. If any part of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part which remains.