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HOUSE BILL NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

PUBLIC BUILDINGS/GROUNDS: Authorizes public school boards to name certain school athletic facilities after living persons

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:85, relative to naming certain school athletic facilities; to
3 authorize city, parish, and other local public school boards to name athletic facilities
4 after living persons; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:85 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §85. Naming of athletic facility by school boards

8 ~~Notwithstanding R.S. 42:267 or any other law to the contrary, a~~ A city,
9 parish, or other local public school board may name an existing athletic facility at a
10 ~~high~~ school within its jurisdiction in honor of a living person. A school board may
11 establish criteria that it will apply in naming an athletic facility in honor of a living
12 person, but such criteria are not a prerequisite for the exercise of the authority
13 granted by this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes public school boards to name athletic facilities after living persons.

Present law provides that no public building, public bridge, public park, public fish or game preserve, or public wildlife refuge owned by the state or by any political subdivision of the state or by any institution receiving its support in whole or in part from the state shall be

named in honor of any living person, except as authorized or provided by law. Such authorization in present law includes that which allows a school board to name an existing athletic facility at a high school in honor of a living person. Allows the board to establish criteria for such naming but provides that such criteria are not a prerequisite for the exercise of this authority.

Proposed law broadens the application of such authority to allow a school board to name an existing athletic facility at any school within its jurisdiction in honor of a living person and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:85)