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Representative(s) Mackenzie offered the following:

**Substitute Amendment for Amendment 00367-0090-892899**

Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause  
and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. (1) This section may be cited as the  
"Florida Maximum Class Size Goals Act."

(2) The Legislature finds that class size, especially  
in the primary grades, is a major factor in the ability of  
students to learn and classroom teachers to teach, and that  
small student-to-teacher ratios are particularly crucial in  
low-performing schools. It is, therefore, the intent of the  
Legislature to establish class size standards which will  
promote educational success.

(3) Beginning with school year 1998-1999, it shall be  
the goal of the Legislature and each school district that each  
elementary school in the school district beginning with  
kindergarten through grade three class sizes not exceed 20  
students, with a ratio of one full-time equivalent teacher per

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1 20 students; except that only in the case of critically  
2 low-performing schools as identified by the Commissioner of  
3 Education, the goal in kindergarten through grade three shall  
4 be a ratio of one full-time equivalent teacher per 15  
5 students. For purposes of any funding in the General  
6 Appropriations Act to meet these goals, the district shall  
7 give priority to identified critically low-performing schools  
8 in the district. Second priority for the use of any funds  
9 designated for meeting these goals shall be for kindergarten  
10 through grade one. Third priority for the use of any funds  
11 designated for meeting these goals shall be for grades two and  
12 three.

13 (4) Each school district shall implement the goals set  
14 forth in this section to the extent funds are provided through  
15 the General Appropriations Act.

16 (5) Beginning January 1, 1999, and each year  
17 thereafter, the Department of Education shall report to the  
18 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives school district expenditures and class size  
20 reductions as a result of the provisions of this act.

21 (6) The Department of Education shall provide for a  
22 longitudinal study of the benefits to students and the impact  
23 on student achievement of small class size based on reductions  
24 in class size for the 1998-1999 school year, as a result of an  
25 appropriation for such purpose, and for the 1999-2000,  
26 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 school years, as a result of  
27 implementation of this act. The results of the study shall be  
28 reported to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
29 House of Representative by December 1, 2002.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.  
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