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Bill No. HB 367, 1st Eng.

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Rayson offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

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. It is,  
therefore, the intent of the Legislature to establish class  
size standards which will promote educational success.

(3)(a) It is the goal of the Legislature and each  
school district that the size of each kindergarten through  
grade 3 class in critically low-performing schools, as  
identified by the Commissioner of Education, shall not exceed  
15 students per full-time equivalent teacher.

(b) It is the goal of the Legislature and each school  
district that the size of each kindergarten through grade 3  
class in schools not identified as critically low-performing

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1 schools shall not exceed 24 students per full-time equivalent  
2 teacher.

3 (4) Each school district shall implement the goals set  
4 forth in this section to the extent funds are provided through  
5 the General Appropriations Act. The first priority for funding  
6 shall be a reduction in class size at critically  
7 low-performing schools to accomplish the goal stated in  
8 paragraph (3)(a).

9 (5) Beginning January 1, 1999, and each year  
10 thereafter, the Department of Education shall report to the  
11 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives school district expenditures and class size  
13 reductions as a result of the provisions of this act.

14 (6) The Department of Education shall provide for a  
15 longitudinal study of the benefits to students and the impact  
16 on student achievement of reductions in class size as a result  
17 of implementation of this act. The results of the study shall  
18 be reported to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
19 the House of Representatives by December 1, 2002.

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

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 On page 1, lines 6 & 7,  
26 remove from the title of the bill: providing for review of  
27 statutory mandates;

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