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Representative(s) Rayson and Andrews offered the following:

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, 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 24
students, with a ratio of one full-time equivalent teacher per

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1 24 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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