

By Representative Rayson

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; creating the
3 "Florida Maximum Class Size Goals Act";
4 providing intent; providing goals relating to
5 class size in certain grade levels; providing
6 for funding; providing for review of statutory
7 mandates; requiring annual reports and a study
8 based on class size reductions; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

15 (2) The Legislature finds that class size, especially
16 in the primary grades, is a major factor in the ability of
17 students to learn and classroom teachers to teach. It is,
18 therefore, the intent of the Legislature to establish class
19 size standards which will promote educational success.

20 (3) It shall be the goal of each school district that
21 each elementary school in the school district beginning with
22 kindergarten in the 1997-1998 school year, for kindergarten
23 and grade level one in the 1998-1999 school year, for
24 kindergarten and grade levels one and two in the 1999-2000
25 school year, and for kindergarten and grade levels one, two,
26 and three in the 2000-2001 school year, class sizes not exceed
27 20 students, with a ratio of one full-time equivalent teacher
28 per 20 students. For the purposes of this act, a class in
29 grades kindergarten, 1, 2, and 3 may not exceed 29 students.
30 Classes that exceed 20 students must have a full-time
31 equivalent teacher aide.

