

By Representative Wilson

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to class size; amending s.  
3           236.687, F.S.; providing for funds to be made  
4           available to certain schools for the  
5           construction of additional student stations to  
6           reduce class size; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 236.687, Florida  
11 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended and subsection (5) is  
12 added to said section to read:

13           236.687 Florida Maximum Class Size ~~Study~~ Act.--

14           (1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Maximum  
15 Class Size ~~Study~~ Act."

16           (5) In addition to any other state funds for class  
17 size reduction, funds shall also be made available, to the  
18 extent funds are appropriated in the General Appropriations  
19 Act, to the 100 schools with the lowest achieving students in  
20 kindergarten through grade 3 in the state for the construction  
21 of additional student stations to attain a class size of one  
22 full-time equivalent teacher to 15 pupils.

23           (a) The Department of Education shall develop and  
24 adopt rules to implement this program, including achievement  
25 standards to identify eligible schools, construction  
26 specifications, appropriate bidding requirements, amount of  
27 awards, and district data reporting requirements regarding  
28 class size.

29           (b) Districts receiving funds under this program shall  
30 maintain class size in kindergarten through grade 3 in  
31 participating schools at a ratio of one full-time equivalent

1 teacher to 15 pupils for at least 3 years after such space is  
2 occupied or refund any construction funds received under this  
3 program to the Department of Education.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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6 HOUSE SUMMARY

7 Provides for funds to be made available to certain  
8 schools for the construction of additional student  
9 stations to reduce class size.

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