

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, is amended and subsection (5) is added to said
12 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 that funds are appropriated in the General
19 Appropriations Act for purposes of this subsection, to the 100
20 schools with the lowest achieving students in kindergarten
21 through grade 3 in the state for the construction of
22 additional student stations to attain a class size of one
23 full-time equivalent teacher to 15 pupils.

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

30 (b) Districts receiving funds under this program shall
31 maintain class size in kindergarten through grade 3 in

1 participating schools at a ratio of one full-time equivalent
2 teacher to 15 pupils for at least 3 years after such space is
3 occupied or refund any construction funds received under this
4 program to the Department of Education.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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8 HOUSE SUMMARY

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11 schools for the construction of additional student
12 stations to reduce class size.

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