

Bill No. SB 636

Amendment No. 2 Barcode 363058

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The Committee on Appropriations recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 2, between lines 13 and 14,

insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (20) of section 230.23, Florida Statutes, to read:

230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties listed below:

(20) SCHOOL-WITHIN-A-SCHOOL.--In order to reduce the anonymity of students in large schools, the district school board shall adopt policies effective for the 2002-2003 school year, and thereafter, to encourage any school that does not meet the definition of a small school, as established by s. 235.2157(2), to subdivide into schools-within-a-school, which shall operate within existing resources. A

"school-within-a-school" means an operational program that uses flexible scheduling, team planning, and curricular and

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1 instructional innovation to organize groups of students with  
2 groups of teachers as smaller units, so as to functionally  
3 operate as a smaller school. Examples of this include, but are  
4 not limited to:

5 (d) A physical plant design that would house students  
6 grouped by the smaller school designation in buildings that  
7 surround or are easily accessible to a structure containing  
8 core facilities, as defined by rule of the Department of  
9 Education, which would be shared by the surrounding buildings.

10 Section 3. Subsections (2) and (4) of section  
11 235.2157, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 235.2157 Small school requirement.--

13 (2) DEFINITION.--As used in this section, "small  
14 school" means:

15 (a) An elementary school with a student population of  
16 not more than 500 students.

17 (b) A middle school with a student population of not  
18 more than 900 ~~700~~ students.

19 (c) A high school with a student population of not  
20 more than 1,200 ~~900~~ students.

21 (d) A school serving kindergarten through grade 8 with  
22 a student population of not more than 900 ~~700~~ students.

23 (e) A school serving kindergarten through grade 12  
24 with a student population of not more than 1,200 ~~900~~ students.

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26 A school on a single campus which operates as a  
27 school-within-a-school, as defined by s. 230.23(20), shall be  
28 considered a small school if each smaller unit located on the  
29 single campus meets the requirements of this subsection.

30 (4) EXCEPTIONS.--

31 (a) This section does not apply to plans for new

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1 educational facilities already under architectural contract on  
2 July 1, 2003.

3 (b) The Commissioner of Education may approve an  
4 exemption to the small-school requirement under any of the  
5 following conditions:

6 1. An interlocal agreement between the school district  
7 and the local governmental body having geographic jurisdiction  
8 requires specified construction of schools under s. 163.3177;

9 2. The school district has submitted documentation  
10 that the lowest bid or request for proposals meeting  
11 small-schools specifications would exceed the per-pupil  
12 station cost defined in s. 235.216; or

13 3. The school district has submitted documentation  
14 that school siting is unavailable or excessively priced above  
15 appraisal and that to pursue a small school in the particular  
16 location would not be in the best interest of the district's  
17 students.

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19 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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22 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 1, lines 1-6, delete those lines

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26 and insert:

27 A bill to be entitled  
28 An act relating to education; amending s.  
29 232.2463, F.S.; altering the required ranges of  
30 percentage grades that equate to letter grades  
31 and grade points; amending s. 230.23, F.S.;

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1            providing an example of a  
2            school-within-a-school; amending s. 235.2157,  
3            F.S.; modifying small-school student-population  
4            limits; providing for exceptions to the  
5            small-schools requirements; providing an  
6            effective date.  
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