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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to school personnel; requiring

3 the Department of Education to limit the number

4 of noninstructional personnel that may be

5 employed by school districts; defining the term

6 "noninstructional personnel"; requiring that

7 the department classify school districts based

8 on the number of full-time-equivalent students

9 enrolled in the district; requiring that the

10 department establish ratios within each

11 district classification for the maximum

12 percentage of noninstructional personnel to

13 full-time-equivalent students; limiting the

14 maximum ratios that the department may

15 establish; requiring a reduction in state funds

16 for any school district that exceeds the

17 maximum percentage of noninstructional

18 personnel; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Limitation on employment of

23 noninstructional personnel by school districts.--

24 (1)(a) Notwithstanding any other law, the Department

25 of Education shall establish limitations on the number of

26 noninstructional personnel that may be employed by school

27 districts, based on the total number of full-time-equivalent

28 students enrolled in the district.

29 (b) As used in this section, the term

30 "noninstructional personnel" means school district personnel

31 who:

1 1. Are classified as administrative personnel or
2 managers under section 236.685, Florida Statutes; and

3 2. Do not perform any instructional duties.

4 (2)(a) Based on the prior year's enrollment, the
5 department shall classify the school districts as follows:
6 the 20 districts with the fewest number of
7 full-time-equivalent students shall be classified as
8 small-sized districts; the 10 districts with the largest
9 number of full-time-equivalent students shall be classified as
10 large-sized districts; and the remaining districts shall be
11 classified as medium-sized districts.

12 (b) By July 1 of each year, the department shall
13 establish a ratio for the school districts in each of the
14 three size classifications. The ratio must specify the maximum
15 percentage of noninstructional personnel to
16 full-time-equivalent students which a school district may
17 employ. However, the department shall provide for an
18 adjustment in the ratio for a district that contains a larger
19 percentage of small schools than districts of equivalent size.
20 The department may not establish a ratio that exceeds the
21 average ratio of noninstructional personnel to
22 full-time-equivalent students which existed within a
23 particular district size classification during the 2000-2001
24 school year.

25 (c) In addition, the department shall determine the
26 average annual salary, including the cost of benefits, for
27 noninstructional personnel employed by school districts in
28 each of the three size classifications.

29 (3) The department shall determine each school year if
30 any school district exceeds the maximum number of positions
31 allowed for noninstructional personnel. For each position that

1 exceeds the maximum allowable number within a district, the
2 department shall deduct an amount equal to 50 percent of the
3 average cost of that position from the state funds allocated
4 to the district.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
6 law.

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9 SENATE SUMMARY

10 Requires that the Department of Education establish
11 limits on the percentage of noninstructional personnel
12 compared to students that may be employed by school
13 districts. Requires that the department divide the school
14 districts into three categories, based on the number of
15 full-time-equivalent students enrolled in the district.
16 Provides for the ratios set by the department to be based
17 on the size classification of the district. Requires that
18 the department deduct from state funds allocated to the
19 district 50 percent of the average cost of each position
20 that exceeds the maximum number allowed for
21 noninstructional personnel. (See bill for details.)
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