

Bill No. CS for SB 2-D

Amendment No.      Barcode 474252

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Senators Meek, Holzendorf, Wasserman Schultz and Klein moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 314, lines 12-27, delete those lines

and insert:

1003.03 Maximum class size.--

(1) The Legislature finds that investments in smaller class sizes lead to high student achievement and higher lifetime income and earning power. Therefore, to assure that children attending public schools obtain a high quality education as prescribed by the Florida Constitution, the Legislature shall make adequate provision so that by 2010, the maximum number of public school students who are assigned to each core curriculum teacher in:

(a) Prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18 students;

(b) Grades 4 through 8 does not exceed 22 students;

and

(c) Grades 9 through 12 does not exceed 25 students.

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1           (2) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the  
2 State Board of Education shall include within its coordinated  
3 budget request to the Legislature the specific amount of funds  
4 necessary to reduce each district's class size by two  
5 students. The request shall be made and the Legislature shall  
6 act thereupon annually until such time as the maximum number  
7 of students per core curriculum class does not exceed the  
8 requirements of subsection (1).

9           (3) Beginning with the 2003 legislative session, the  
10 Legislature shall take into consideration any recommendations  
11 from the Maximum Class Size Funding Commission to determine a  
12 stable source of state funds to implement the requirements of  
13 this section.

14           Section 114. Maximum Class Size Funding Commission.--

15           (1) Effective upon this act becoming a law, there is  
16 created the Maximum Class Size Funding Commission. The  
17 commission is assigned to the Department of Education for  
18 administrative purposes. The commission shall consist of 17  
19 members appointed as follows:

20           (a) Five members appointed by the Governor, at least  
21 two of whom must be the parent of a child who attends a K  
22 through 12 public school;

23           (b) Two members appointed by the President of the  
24 Senate and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
25 of Representatives;

26           (c) Two members appointed by each of the minority  
27 leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

28           (d) Two members appointed by the Secretary of  
29 Education;

30           (e) A representative of the Florida School Boards  
31 Association;

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1           (f) A representative of the Florida Education  
2 Association;

3           (g) A representative of the Office of Economic and  
4 Demographic Research appointed by the director; and

5           (h) A representative of the Department of Bond Finance  
6 appointed by the director.

7           (2) The commission shall choose a chairperson from  
8 among its members who shall preside over meetings and perform  
9 other duties required to administer this section.

10           (3) The commission shall hold its first meeting by  
11 September 1, 2002, and shall meet as often as is practicable  
12 to complete its task. The commission shall remain in existence  
13 until it has completed its assignment as required by this  
14 section but not later than June 30, 2004.

15           (4) The commission shall determine a stable source or  
16 combination of sources of state funds sufficient to implement  
17 section 1003.03, Florida Statutes. The commission may consider  
18 all potential revenue-generating options, except that a  
19 recommendation may not require a local funding source and may  
20 not require any supplantation of funds from existing programs  
21 or operations.

22           (5) The commission shall prepare a report detailing  
23 its recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
24 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
25 February 1, 2003. If the Legislature choose to implement any  
26 of the recommendations of the commission or any other  
27 legislation that provides resources sufficient to meet the  
28 requirements of section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, the  
29 commission shall be considered abolished upon such legislation  
30 becoming a law. However, if upon adjournment of the regularly  
31 scheduled session, no law has been enacted which satisfies the

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1 requirements of this section, the commission shall continue  
2 its deliberations pursuant to subsection (3).

3           Section 115. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from  
4 the General Revenue Fund to the Maximum Class Size Funding  
5 Commission for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. All unused funds  
6 shall revert back to the General Appropriations Fund upon  
7 abolition of the commission.

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9 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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