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11	Senator Meek moved the following amendment:
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13	Senate Amendment
14	On page 314, lines 12-27, delete those lines
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16	and insert:
17	1003.03 Maximum class size
18	(1) The Legislature finds that investments in smaller
19	class sizes lead to high student achievement and higher
20	lifetime income and earning power. Therefore, to assure that
21	children attending public schools obtain a high quality
22	education as prescribed by the Florida Constitution, the
23	Legislature shall make adequate provision so that by 2010, the
24	maximum number of public school students who are assigned to
25	each core curriculum teacher in:
26	(a) Prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18
27	students;
28	(b) Grades 4 through 8 does not exceed 22 students;
29	<u>and</u>
30	(c) Grades 9 through 12 does not exceed 25 students.
31	(2) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the

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State Board of Education shall include within its coordinated budget request to the Legislature the specific amount of funds necessary to reduce each district's class size by two students. The request shall be made and the Legislature shall act thereupon annually until such time as the maximum number of students per core curriculum class does not exceed the requirements of subsection (1).

- (3) Beginning with the 2003 legislative session, the Legislature shall take into consideration any recommendations from the Maximum Class Size Funding Commission to determine a stable source of state funds to implement the requirements of this section.
 - Section 114. Maximum Class Size Funding Commission. --
- (1) Effective upon this act becoming a law, there is created the Maximum Class Size Funding Commission. The commission is assigned to the Department of Education for administrative purposes. The commission shall consist of 17 members appointed as follows:
- (a) Five members appointed by the Governor, at least two of whom must be the parent of a child who attends a K through 12 public school;
- (b) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (c) Two members appointed by each of the minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives;
- (d) Two members appointed by the Secretary of Education;
- - (f) A representative of the Florida Education

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Association;

- (g) A representative of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research appointed by the director; and
- (h) A representative of the Department of Bond Finance appointed by the director.
- (2) The commission shall choose a chairperson from among its members who shall preside over meetings and perform other duties required to administer this section.
- (3) The commission shall hold its first meeting by September 1, 2002, and shall meet as often as is practicable to complete its task. The commission shall remain in existence until it has completed its assignment as required by this section but not later than June 30, 2004.
- (4) The commission shall determine a stable source or combination of sources of state funds sufficient to implement section 1003.03, Florida Statutes. The commission may consider all potential revenue-generating options, except that a recommendation may not require a local funding source and may not require any supplantation of funds from existing programs or operations.
- its recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2003. If the Legislature choose to implement any of the recommendations of the commission or any other legislation that provides resources sufficient to meet the requirements of section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, the commission shall be considered abolished upon such legislation becoming a law. However, if upon adjournment of the regularly scheduled session, no law has been enacted which satisfies the requirements of this section, the commission shall continue

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1	its deliberations pursuant to subsection (3).
2	Section 115. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from
3	the General Revenue Fund to the Maximum Class Size Funding
4	Commission for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. All unused funds
5	shall revert back to the General Appropriations Fund upon
6	abolition of the commission.
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8	(Redesignate subsequent sections.)
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