

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1716
 SPONSOR: Senator Carlton
 SUBJECT: Classrooms for Kids Program
 DATE: March 4, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Woodruff</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Armstrong</u>	<u>Newman</u>	<u>AED</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____
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I. Summary:

The bill clarifies that only K-12 full-time equivalent students are to be included in the formula calculation for Classrooms for Kids funds for class size reduction capital outlay. In addition, adult vocational technical facilities are excluded from that part of the calculation utilizing total gross square footage and age of buildings in a district.

This bill substantially amends section 1013.735 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

The Classrooms for Kids Program was created by the 2003 Legislature and funded with \$570 million from the Lottery Capital Outlay and Debt Services Trust Fund. The Program is designed to help districts meet the facilities requirements of the class size reduction amendment for grades K-12. Funds appropriated by the Legislature may be used to construct, renovate, remodel, or repair educational facilities that are in excess of projects identified in the district's five-year facilities work program, or to purchase or lease purchase relocatable facilities that are in excess of relocatables identified in the district's five-year work program.

Currently, both K-12 and adult capital outlay full-time equivalent (FTE) membership students are included in that portion of the formula (90 percent) distributed on an FTE student basis. Likewise, the square footage of *all* facilities, including adult vocational technical centers, is included in that portion of the formula (10 percent) based on total district building square footage.

Therefore, the classrooms for kids allocation formula for K-12 class size reduction includes adult FTE and adult vo-tech facilities which are not part of the class size reduction effort.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The effect of the proposed changes would be to limit both the full-time equivalent membership students and the building square footage used in the calculations of the distribution formula to K-12 FTE and facilities. Adult factors would no longer be included, which is policy consistent with the purpose of the K-12 class size reduction effort.

The effective date is upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The allocation of Classrooms for Kids capital outlay funds for class size reduction will be revised to reflect only K-12 factors instead of including adult vocational factors, which is consistent with the class size reduction program requirement.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
