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	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate House
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1	Representative(s) Bendross-Mindingall and Jennings offered the
2	following:
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4	Amendment (with ballot statement amendment)
5	Remove line(s) 53-86 and insert:
6	(b) By 2010, the average minimum salary for full-time
7	public school teachers shall be no less than the national
8	average beginning pay for public school teachers, as provided by
9	law. By 2010, the average salary for full-time public school
10	teachers shall be no less than the national average, as provided
11	by law. The increases in the beginning and average full-time
12	public school teacher salaries shall be independent of employee
13	benefits and shall not alter, jeopardize, or decrease existing
14	employee benefits. Payment of the costs associated with
15	increasing beginning and average teacher pay is the

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16 responsibility of the state and not of school districts. Nothing 17 in this subsection shall impair collective bargaining.

(c)(b) Every four-year old child in Florida shall be 18 provided by the State a high quality prekindergarten pre-19 kindergarten learning opportunity in the form of an early 20 childhood development and education program which shall be 21 22 voluntary, high quality, free, and delivered according to professionally accepted standards. An early childhood 23 24 development and education program means an organized program designed to address and enhance each child's ability to make age 25 26 appropriate progress in an appropriate range of settings in the 27 development of language and cognitive capabilities and 28 emotional, social, regulatory and moral capacities through education in basic skills and such other skills as the 29 30 Legislature may determine to be appropriate.

31 (d) (d) (c) The early childhood education and development 32 programs provided by reason of subsection (c) subparagraph (b) 33 shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2005 34 school year through funds generated in addition to those used for existing education, health, and development programs. 35 36 Existing education, health, and development programs are those 37 funded by the State as of January 1, 2002, that provided for 38 child or adult education, health care, or development.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

41 <u>SECTION 26. Maximum class size and beginning and average</u>
42 <u>teacher salaries.--The amendment to Section 1 of Article IX</u>
43 <u>relating to public education, which provides that maximum class</u>

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shall impair collective bargaining; and to provide for takingeffect July 1 following approval by the electors.

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