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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative(s) Bendross-Mindingall offered the following:

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3 **Substitute Amendment for Amendment (432841) (with ballot**
4 **statement amendment)**

5 Remove line(s) 16-86 and insert:

6 SECTION 1. Public education.--

7 (a) The education of children is a fundamental value of
8 the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a
9 paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the
10 education of all children residing within its borders. Adequate
11 provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe,
12 secure, and high quality system of free public schools that
13 allows students to obtain a high quality education and for the
14 establishment, maintenance, and operation of institutions of
15 higher learning and other public education programs that the

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16 needs of the people may require. To assure that children
17 attending public schools obtain a high quality education, the
18 legislature shall make adequate provision to ensure that, by the
19 beginning of the 2010 school year, there are a sufficient number
20 of classrooms so that:

21 (1) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
22 each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for
23 prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18 students;

24 (2) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
25 each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for
26 grades 4 through 8 does not exceed 22 students; and

27 (3) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
28 each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for
29 grades 9 through 12 does not exceed 25 students.

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31 The class size requirements of this subsection do not apply to
32 extracurricular classes. Payment of the costs associated with
33 reducing class size to meet these requirements is the
34 responsibility of the state and not of local schools districts.
35 Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the legislature shall
36 provide sufficient funds to reduce the average number of
37 students in each classroom by at least two students per year
38 until the maximum number of students per classroom does not
39 exceed the requirements of this subsection.

40 (b) By 2010, the average minimum salary for full-time
41 public school teachers shall be no less than the national
42 average beginning pay for public school teachers, as provided by

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43 law. By 2010, the average salary for full-time public school
44 teachers shall be no less than the national average, as provided
45 by law. The increases in the beginning and average full-time
46 public school teacher salaries shall be independent of employee
47 benefits and shall not alter, jeopardize, or decrease existing
48 employee benefits. Payment of the costs associated with
49 increasing beginning and average teacher pay is the
50 responsibility of the state and not of school districts. Nothing
51 in this subsection shall impair collective bargaining.

52 (c)(b) Every four-year old child in Florida shall be
53 provided by the State a high quality pre-kindergarten learning
54 opportunity in the form of an early childhood development and
55 education program which shall be voluntary, high quality, free,
56 and delivered according to professionally accepted standards. An
57 early childhood development and education program means an
58 organized program designed to address and enhance each child's
59 ability to make age appropriate progress in an appropriate range
60 of settings in the development of language and cognitive
61 capabilities and emotional, social, regulatory and moral
62 capacities through education in basic skills and such other
63 skills as the Legislature may determine to be appropriate.

64 (d)(e) The early childhood education and development
65 programs provided by reason of subsection (c) ~~subparagraph (b)~~
66 shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2005
67 school year through funds generated in addition to those used
68 for existing education, health, and development programs.
69 Existing education, health, and development programs are those

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70 funded by the State as of January 1, 2002 that provided for
71 child or adult education, health care, or development.

72 ARTICLE XII

73 SCHEDULE

74 SECTION 26. Beginning and average teacher salaries.--The
75 amendment to Section 1 of Article IX relating to public
76 education, which establishes beginning and average teacher
77 salaries, shall take effect July 1 following approval by the
78 electors.

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80 ===== B A L L O T S T A T E M E N T =====

81 Remove line(s) 90-102 and insert:

82 ESTABLISHING BEGINNING AND AVERAGE TEACHER SALARIES

83 Proposes an amendment to Section 1 of Article IX and the
84 creation of Section 26 of Article XII of the State Constitution
85 to require that, by 2010, the average minimum salary for full-
86 time public school teachers shall be no less than the national
87 average beginning pay for public school teachers, as provided by
88 law; to require that, by 2010, the average salary for full-time
89 public school teachers shall be no less than the national
90 average, as provided by law; to provide that the increases in
91 the beginning and average full-time public school teacher
92 salaries shall be independent of employee benefits and shall not
93 alter, jeopardize, or decrease existing employee benefits; to
94 provide that payment of the costs associated with increasing
95 beginning and average teacher pay is the responsibility of the
96 state and not of school districts; to provide that nothing in

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97 | this amendment providing for beginning and average teacher
98 | salaries shall impair collective bargaining; and to provide for
99 | taking effect July 1 following approval by the electors.

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