

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public school class size; amending s.
 3 1003.03, F.S.; including co-teaching as an option to meet
 4 the constitutional class size maximums; authorizing co-
 5 teaching to be used in determining the teacher-to-student
 6 ratio per classroom; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Paragraphs (e) through (l) of subsection (3) of
 11 section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 12 paragraphs (f) through (m), respectively, and a new paragraph
 13 (e) is added to that subsection to read:

14 1003.03 Maximum class size.--

15 (3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.--District school boards must
 16 consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following
 17 items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums
 18 described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year
 19 reduction required in subsection (2):

20 (e) Use co-teaching as an instructional strategy in which
 21 two or more teachers in a classroom share responsibility for
 22 planning, delivering, and evaluating instruction for students in
 23 the class. Co-teaching may be used in determining the teacher-
 24 to-student ratio for purpose of compliance with the class size
 25 requirements of this section.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.