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The Committee on Education Appropriations (King) recommended  
the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 24, before line 1,

insert:

Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
1003.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is  
added to that section, to read:

1003.03 Maximum class size.--

(2) IMPLEMENTATION.--

(b) Determination of the number of students per  
classroom in paragraph (a) shall be calculated as follows:

1. For fiscal years 2003-2004 through 2005-2006, the  
calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings  
shall be the average at the district level.

2. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2007-2008, the  
calculation for compliance for each of the 3 grade groupings  
shall be the average at the school level.

3. For fiscal years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and

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1 thereafter, the calculation for compliance shall be at the  
2 individual classroom level.

3 4. For fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and  
4 thereafter, each teacher assigned to any classroom shall be  
5 included in the calculation for compliance.

6 (5) TEAM-TEACHING STRATEGIES.--

7 (a) School districts may use teaching strategies that  
8 include the assignment of more than one teacher to a classroom  
9 of students and that were implemented before July 1, 2005.  
10 Effective July 1, 2005, school districts may implement  
11 additional teaching strategies that include the assignment of  
12 more than one teacher to a classroom of students for the  
13 following purposes only:

14 1. Pairing teachers for the purpose of staff  
15 development.

16 2. Pairing new teachers with veteran teachers.

17 3. Reducing turnover among new teachers.

18 4. Pairing teachers who are teaching out-of-field with  
19 teachers who are in-field.

20 5. Providing for more flexibility and innovation in  
21 the classroom.

22 6. Improving learning opportunities for students,  
23 including students who have disabilities.

24 (b) Teaching strategies implemented on or after July  
25 1, 2005, pursuant to paragraph (a) may be implemented subject  
26 to the following restrictions:

27 1. Reasonable limits shall be placed on the number of  
28 students in a classroom so that classrooms are not  
29 overcrowded. Teacher-to-student ratios within a curriculum  
30 area or grade level must not exceed constitutional limits.

31 2. At least one member of the team must have at least

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1 3 years of teaching experience.

2 3. At least one member of the team must be teaching  
3 in-field.

4 4. The teachers must be trained in team-teaching  
5 methods within 1 year after assignment.

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7 The use of strategies implemented as outlined in this  
8 subsection meets the letter and intent of the Florida  
9 Constitution and the Florida Statutes which relate to  
10 implementing class-size reduction and this subsection applies  
11 retroactively. A school district may not be penalized  
12 financially or otherwise as a result of the use of any legal  
13 strategy, including, but not limited to, those set forth in  
14 subsection (3) and this subsection.

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16 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 On page 2, line 24, after the first semicolon

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23 insert:

24 amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; requiring that each  
25 teacher assigned to any classroom be included  
26 in the calculation for compliance with  
27 constitutional class-size limits; providing  
28 criteria for teaching strategies that involve  
29 assigning more than one teacher to a classroom;  
30 providing for retroactive application;  
31 prohibiting the imposition of penalties for the

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1 use of any legal strategy relating to the  
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