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

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

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

1003.03 Maximum class size.--

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

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

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