

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public K-12 education; creating s.  
 3           1003.06, F.S.; authorizing the parent of multiple birth  
 4           siblings to request certain classroom placement; providing  
 5           a definition; providing exceptions to implementation of  
 6           the requested placement; authorizing appeal of placement;  
 7           specifying conditions under which provisions do not apply;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1.   Section 1003.06, Florida Statutes, is created  
 13   to read:

14           1003.06 Classroom placement of multiple birth siblings.--

15           (1) As used in this section, the term "multiple birth  
 16 siblings" means twins, triplets, quadruplets, or other siblings  
 17 resulting from a multiple birth.

18           (2) (a) The parent of multiple birth siblings who are  
 19 assigned to the same grade level and school may request in  
 20 writing that the school place the siblings in the same classroom  
 21 or in separate classrooms. The request must be made no later  
 22 than 5 days before the first day of each school year or 5 days  
 23 after the first day of attendance of students during the school  
 24 year if the students are enrolled in the school after the school  
 25 year commences.

26           (b) The school may recommend to the parent the appropriate  
 27 classroom placement for multiple birth siblings and may provide

28 professional educational advice to assist the parent with the  
29 decision regarding appropriate classroom placement.

30 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) or subsection  
31 (5), a school shall provide the multiple birth siblings with the  
32 classroom placement requested by the parent.

33 (4) (a) A school is not required to place multiple birth  
34 siblings in the same classroom if factual evidence of  
35 performance shows proof that the multiple birth siblings should  
36 be separated.

37 (b) A school is not required to place multiple birth  
38 siblings in separate classrooms if the request would require the  
39 school district to add an additional class to the grade level of  
40 the multiple birth siblings.

41 (5) (a) At the end of the first grading period following  
42 the multiple birth siblings' enrollment in the school, if the  
43 principal of the school, in consultation with the teacher of  
44 each classroom in which the multiple birth siblings are placed,  
45 determines that the requested classroom placement is disruptive  
46 to the school, the principal may determine the appropriate  
47 classroom placement for the siblings.

48 (b) A parent may appeal the principal's classroom  
49 placement of multiple birth siblings in the manner provided by  
50 school district policy. During an appeal, the multiple birth  
51 siblings shall remain in the classroom chosen by the parent.

52 (6) This section does not affect:

53 (a) A right or obligation under s. 1003.57 or under the  
54 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. ss. 1400

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55 et seq., regarding the individual placement decisions of the  
56 school district; or

57 (b) The right of a school district, principal, or teacher  
58 to remove a student from a classroom pursuant to school district  
59 student discipline policies.

60 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.