

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 after 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 multiple birth
40 siblings' school.

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 under paragraph (a) in the
50 manner provided by school district policy. During an appeal, the
51 multiple birth siblings shall remain in the classroom chosen by
52 the parent.

53 (6) This section does not affect:

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

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

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

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