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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 to  
13 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 than  
22 5 days before the first day of each school year or 5 days after  
23 the first day of attendance of students during the school year if  
24 the students are enrolled in the school after the school year  
25 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.

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30       (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) or subsection (5),  
31 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 performance  
35 shows proof that the multiple birth siblings should be separated.

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

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

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

51       (6) This section does not affect:

52       (a) A right or obligation under s. 1003.57 or under the  
53 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. ss. 1400  
54 et seq., regarding the individual placement decisions of the  
55 school district; or

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

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