

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Kiar offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with schedule and ballot amendments)**

4 Remove lines 15-81 and insert:

5 ARTICLE IX

6 EDUCATION

7 SECTION 1. Public education.--

8 (a) The education of children is a fundamental value of
9 the people of the State of Florida. It is, therefore, a
10 paramount duty of the state to make adequate provision for the
11 education of all children residing within its borders. Adequate
12 provision shall be made by law for a uniform, efficient, safe,
13 secure, and high quality system of free public schools that
14 allows students to obtain a high quality education and for the
15 establishment, maintenance, and operation of institutions of
16 higher learning and other public education programs that the
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17 needs of the people may require. To assure that children
18 attending public schools obtain a high quality education, the
19 legislature shall make adequate provision to ensure that, by the
20 beginning of the 2010-2011 ~~2010~~ school year and for each school
21 year thereafter, there are a sufficient number of classrooms so
22 that:

23 (1) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
24 each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for
25 prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18 students;

26 (2) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
27 each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for
28 grades 4 through 8 does not exceed 22 students; and

29 (3) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
30 each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for
31 grades 9 through 12 does not exceed 25 students.

32 (b) Upon confirmation that schools have met the class size
33 requirements of subsection (a) through the October student
34 membership survey each year, schools may exceed these
35 requirements in the event of unexpected student enrollment
36 growth with the following restrictions:

37 (1) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
38 each teacher in an individual classroom for prekindergarten
39 through grade 3 does not exceed 21 students;

40 (2) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
41 each teacher in an individual classroom for grades 4 through 8
42 does not exceed 27 students; and

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43 (3) The maximum number of students who are assigned to
44 each teacher in an individual classroom for grades 9 through 12
45 does not exceed 30 students.

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47 The class size requirements of subsections (a) and (b) ~~this~~
48 ~~subsection~~ do not apply to extracurricular or virtual classes.
49 Payment of the costs associated with reducing class size to meet
50 these requirements is the responsibility of the state and not of
51 local school ~~schools~~ districts. ~~Beginning with the 2003-2004~~
52 ~~fiscal year,~~ The legislature shall provide sufficient funds to
53 maintain ~~reduce~~ the average number of students required by
54 subsections (a) and (b) ~~in each classroom by at least two~~
55 ~~students per year until the maximum number of students per~~
56 ~~classroom does not exceed the requirements of this subsection.~~

57 (c) ~~(b)~~ Every four-year old child in Florida shall be
58 provided by the State a high quality prekindergarten ~~pre-~~
59 ~~kindergarten~~ learning opportunity in the form of an early
60 childhood development and education program which shall be
61 voluntary, high quality, free, and delivered according to
62 professionally accepted standards. An early childhood
63 development and education program means an organized program
64 designed to address and enhance each child's ability to make age
65 appropriate progress in an appropriate range of settings in the
66 development of language and cognitive capabilities and
67 emotional, social, regulatory, and moral capacities through
68 education in basic skills and such other skills as the
69 Legislature may determine to be appropriate.

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70 (d) ~~(e)~~ The early childhood education and development
71 programs provided by reason of subsection (c) ~~subparagraph (b)~~
72 shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2005
73 school year through funds generated in addition to those used
74 for existing education, health, and development programs.
75 Existing education, health, and development programs are those
76 funded by the State as of January 1, 2002, that provided for
77 child or adult education, health care, or development.

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80 **S C H E D U L E A M E N D M E N T**

81 Remove lines 82-89 and insert:

82 ARTICLE XII

83 SCHEDULE

84 SECTION 31. Class size requirements for public
85 schools.--The amendment to Section 1 of Article IX, which
86 provides flexibility for schools to meet class size requirements
87 for public schools due to unexpected student growth after the
88 October student membership survey, and this section shall take
89 effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate
90 retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

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93 **B A L L O T A M E N D M E N T**

94 Remove lines 92-115 and insert:

95 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

96 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1

97 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 31

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98 REVISION OF THE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC
99 SCHOOLS.--Proposes amendment of the State Constitution to
100 provide flexibility for schools to meet class size requirements
101 for public schools due to unexpected student growth after the
102 October student membership survey. For public school classrooms
103 for prekindergarten through grade 3, for grades 4 through 8, and
104 for grades 9 through 12, upon confirmation that a school has met
105 class size requirements through the October student membership
106 survey, provides a limit on the maximum number of students who
107 may be assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom.
108 Provides that class size requirements do not apply to virtual
109 classes. Modifies requirements for funding to require that the
110 Legislature provide sufficient funds to maintain class size
111 requirements. Clarifies that class size requirements apply by
112 the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year and for each school
113 year thereafter. Schedules these revisions to take effect upon
114 approval by the electors of this state and to operate
115 retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

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