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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to class size; amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; revising a specified reduction calculation for certain school district funding for school districts that fail to meet certain class size requirements; amending s. 1003.05, F.S.; providing that certain dependent children of active duty military personnel must be enrolled in certain programs; authorizing certain students of military personnel to enroll in any school within the school district under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.03 Maximum class size.—

(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

(a) If the department determines that the number of students assigned to any individual class exceeds the class size maximum, as required in subsection (1), based upon the October student membership survey, the department shall:

1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of classes in which the number of students exceeds the maximum and the total number of students which exceeds the maximum for all classes.

2. Determine the number of FTE students which exceeds the maximum for each grade group.

3. Beginning in the 2023-2024 fiscal year and thereafter, multiply the total number of FTE students which exceeds the

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30 maximum for each grade group by an amount equal to 50 percent of
31 the district's FTE dollar amount of the class size categorical
32 allocation for that year and calculate the total for all three
33 grade groups.

34 ~~4. Multiply the total number of FTE students which exceeds~~
35 ~~the maximum for all classes by an amount equal to 50 percent of~~
36 ~~the base student allocation adjusted by the district cost~~
37 ~~differential for each of the 2010-2011 through 2013-2014 fiscal~~
38 ~~years and by an amount equal to the base student allocation~~
39 ~~adjusted by the district cost differential in the 2014-2015~~
40 ~~fiscal year and thereafter.~~

41 ~~4.5. Reduce the district's class size categorical~~
42 ~~allocation by an amount equal to the product sum of the~~
43 ~~calculation calculations in subparagraph 3. subparagraphs 3. and~~
44 ~~4.~~

45 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1003.05,
46 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

47 1003.05 Assistance to transitioning students from military
48 families.—

49 (3) (a) Dependent children of active duty military personnel
50 who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for special academic
51 programs offered through public schools:

52 1. Shall be given first preference for admission to such
53 programs even if the program is being offered through a public
54 school other than the school to which the student would
55 generally be assigned.

56 2. Must be enrolled in such program if the student's parent
57 is transferred to this state during the school year.

58 (b) If such a program is offered through a public school

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59 other than the school to which the student would generally be
60 assigned, the parent or guardian of the student must assume
61 responsibility for transporting the student to that school. For
62 purposes of this subsection, special academic programs include
63 magnet schools, advanced studies programs, advanced placement,
64 dual enrollment, Advanced International Certificate of
65 Education, and International Baccalaureate.

66 (4) A student whose parent is transferred or is pending
67 transfer to a military installation within this ~~the~~ state while
68 on active military duty pursuant to an official military order
69 shall be considered a resident of the school district for
70 purposes of enrollment when the order is submitted to the school
71 district and shall be provided preferential treatment in the
72 controlled open enrollment process of the school district
73 pursuant to s. 1002.31. A student whose parent is transferred
74 within this state after the controlled open enrollment window
75 may enroll in any school within the school district.

76 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.