

Amendment No. 1

Commissioner M. Barnett offered the following:

Amendment (with ballot statement amendment)

Remove lines 28-58 and insert:

(b)(1) To assure that children attending public schools obtain a high quality education, the legislature shall make adequate provision to ensure that, by the beginning of the 2010 school year and for each school year thereafter, there are a sufficient number of classrooms so that:

a.~~(1)~~ The school average ~~maximum~~ number of students who are assigned to each teacher who is teaching in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 does not exceed 18 students and the maximum number of students who are assigned to each teacher does not exceed 23 students;

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

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

(2) The class size requirements of this subsection do not apply to extracurricular or virtual classes. Payment of the costs associated with reducing class size to meet these

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requirements is the responsibility of the state and not of local school ~~schools~~ districts. Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the legislature shall provide sufficient funds to reduce the average number of students in each classroom by at least two students per year until the school average class size for each of the grade groupings ~~maximum number of students per classroom~~ does not exceed the requirements of this subsection.

(3) Each year, the legislature shall calculate the costs saved by the amendment, approved by the voters on November 4, 2008, to increase the maximum number of students that may be assigned to a teacher. These funds shall be appropriated each year to supplement, and not supplant, prekindergarten through grade 12 funding.

== B A L L O T S T A T E M E N T A M E N D M E N T ==

Remove lines 83-90 and insert:

CLASS SIZE LIMITS BASED ON THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER TEACHER AT A SCHOOL.--This amendment increases by 5 the maximum number of students that may be assigned to a public school teacher. However, the school average number of students per teacher must comply with existing limits of 18 for prekindergarten through grade 3, 22 for grades 4 through 8, and 25 for grades 9 through 12. Savings resulting from this amendment supplement education funding.