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H 238. SMALL CLASSES FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS/PILOT. Filed 2/15/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FOR SMALLER CLASSES FOR FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS.* Appropriates \$5.5 million for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be used by the State Board of Education (SBE) to establish a pilot program that provides for smaller classes for first year teachers, not to exceed 75% of the regular class loads at the same grade level. The SBE is directed to select three local school administrative units to participate in the program and evaluate the pilot program at the end of the first and second years and report the results to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. Effective July 1, 2007.

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