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HOUSE BILL DRH40005-MK-2 (12/14)

Short Title: Class Size Requirement Changes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives L. Johnson, Horn, Elmore, and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MAXIMUM AVERAGE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND  
3 INDIVIDUAL CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
4 THIRD GRADE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-301(c) reads as rewritten:

7 "(c) Maximum Class Size for Kindergarten Through Third Grade. – The average class size  
8 for kindergarten through third grade in a local school administrative unit shall at no time exceed  
9 the funded allotment ratio of teachers to students in kindergarten through third ~~grade~~ grade by  
10 more than three students. At the end of the second school month and for the remainder of the  
11 school year, the size of an individual class in kindergarten through third grade shall not exceed the  
12 allotment ratio by more than ~~three~~ six students. The funded class size allotment ratio for  
13 kindergarten through third grade shall be as follows:

- 14 (1) For kindergarten, one teacher per 18 students.  
15 (2) For first grade, one teacher per 16 students.  
16 (3) For second grade, one teacher per 17 students.  
17 (4) For third grade, one teacher per 17 students.

18 In grades four through 12, local school administrative units shall have the maximum flexibility  
19 to use allotted teacher positions to maximize student achievement."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the  
21 2017-2018 school year.

