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2 An act relating to public K-12 education; creating s.
3 1003.06, F.S.; authorizing the parent of multiple birth
4 siblings to request certain classroom placement; providing
5 a definition; providing exceptions to implementation of
6 the requested placement; authorizing appeal of placement;
7 specifying conditions under which provisions do not apply;
8 providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Section 1003.06, Florida Statutes, is created to
13 read:

14 1003.06 Classroom placement of multiple birth siblings.--

15 (1) As used in this section, the term "multiple birth
16 siblings" means twins, triplets, quadruplets, or other siblings
17 resulting from a multiple birth.

18 (2)(a) The parent of multiple birth siblings who are
19 assigned to the same grade level and school may request in
20 writing that the school place the siblings in the same classroom
21 or in separate classrooms. The request must be made no later than
22 5 days before the first day of each school year or 5 days after
23 the first day of attendance of students during the school year if
24 the students are enrolled in the school after the school year
25 commences.

26 (b) The school may recommend to the parent the appropriate
27 classroom placement for multiple birth siblings and may provide
28 professional educational advice to assist the parent with the
29 decision regarding appropriate classroom placement.

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30 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) or subsection (5),
31 a school shall provide the multiple birth siblings with the
32 classroom placement requested by the parent.

33 (4) (a) A school is not required to place multiple birth
34 siblings in the same classroom if factual evidence of performance
35 shows proof that the multiple birth siblings should be separated.

36 (b) A school is not required to place multiple birth
37 siblings in separate classrooms if the request would require the
38 school district to add an additional class to the grade level of
39 the multiple birth siblings.

40 (5) (a) At the end of the first grading period following the
41 multiple birth siblings' enrollment in the school, if the
42 principal of the school, in consultation with the teacher of each
43 classroom in which the multiple birth siblings are placed,
44 determines that the requested classroom placement is disruptive
45 to the school, the principal may determine the appropriate
46 classroom placement for the siblings.

47 (b) A parent may appeal the principal's classroom placement
48 of multiple birth siblings in the manner provided by school
49 district policy. During an appeal, the multiple birth siblings
50 shall remain in the classroom chosen by the parent.

51 (6) This section does not affect:

52 (a) A right or obligation under s. 1003.57 or under the
53 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. ss. 1400
54 et seq., regarding the individual placement decisions of the
55 school district; or

56 (b) The right of a school district, principal, or teacher
57 to remove a student from a classroom pursuant to school district
58 student discipline policies.

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59 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008. |