



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB4368

by Rep. Brad Halbrook

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.67 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.60 new

Amends the School Code. Requires a school district to allow the parent or guardian of twins or higher order multiples to request that his or her children be placed in the same classroom or in separate classrooms if the children are in the same grade level at the same school. Provides that the school may recommend classroom placement to the parent or guardian, but the school shall provide the classroom placement requested by the parent or guardian. Sets forth when the request must be made. Provides for the school board to make the classroom placement determination, after a hearing, if the principal determines that placement in the same classroom is disruptive to the classroom environment. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.67 and 34-18.60 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.67 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.67. Classroom placement; multiples.

8 (a) In this Section, "higher order multiples" means
9 triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or more.

10 (b) A school district shall allow the parent or guardian of
11 twins or higher order multiples to request that his or her
12 children be placed in the same classroom or in separate
13 classrooms if the children are in the same grade level at the
14 same school. The school may recommend classroom placement to
15 the parent or guardian, but the school shall provide the
16 classroom placement requested by the parent or guardian. The
17 parent or guardian shall request the classroom placement no
18 later than 10 business days after the first day of each school
19 year or 10 business days after the first day of the children's
20 attendance during any school year in which the children are
21 enrolled in the school after the school year commences.

22 (c) Prior to September 30 of the school year in which the
23 parent or guardian has requested the classroom placement or no

1 more than 30 days after the first day of the children's
2 attendance if the children are enrolled in the school after the
3 school year commences, if the principal, in consultation with
4 the children's classroom teacher, determines that placement in
5 the same classroom is disruptive to the classroom environment,
6 then the principal may request that the school board make a
7 classroom placement determination, which shall be the
8 classroom placement for the remainder of the school year. No
9 less than 10 days prior to the school board hearing to
10 determine classroom placement, the school district shall
11 notify the parent or guardian in writing that the principal has
12 requested the school board make a classroom placement
13 determination. The principal, classroom teacher, and the
14 parent or guardian of the children may provide testimony to the
15 school board in relation to the classroom placement
16 determination. Nothing in this subsection (c) prohibits a
17 parent or guardian from requesting a classroom placement during
18 the following school year.

19 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.60 new)

20 Sec. 34-18.60. Classroom placement; multiples.

21 (a) In this Section, "higher order multiples" means
22 triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or more.

23 (b) The school district shall allow the parent or guardian
24 of twins or higher order multiples to request that his or her
25 children be placed in the same classroom or in separate

1 classrooms if the children are in the same grade level at the
2 same school. The school may recommend classroom placement to
3 the parent or guardian, but the school shall provide the
4 classroom placement requested by the parent or guardian. The
5 parent or guardian shall request the classroom placement no
6 later than 10 business days after the first day of each school
7 year or 10 business days after the first day of the children's
8 attendance during any school year in which the children are
9 enrolled in the school after the school year commences.

10 (c) Prior to September 30 of the school year in which the
11 parent or guardian has requested the classroom placement or no
12 more than 30 days after the first day of the children's
13 attendance if the children are enrolled in the school after the
14 school year commences, if the principal, in consultation with
15 the children's classroom teacher, determines that placement in
16 the same classroom is disruptive to the classroom environment,
17 then the principal may request that the board make a classroom
18 placement determination, which shall be the classroom
19 placement for the remainder of the school year. No less than 10
20 days prior to the board hearing to determine classroom
21 placement, the school district shall notify the parent or
22 guardian in writing that the principal has requested the board
23 make a classroom placement determination. The principal,
24 classroom teacher, and the parent or guardian of the children
25 may provide testimony to the board in relation to the classroom
26 placement determination. Nothing in this subsection (c)

1 prohibits a parent or guardian from requesting a classroom
2 placement during the following school year.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.