



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4455

Introduced 1/30/2012, by Rep. Marlow H. Colvin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/34-18.47 new

Amends the Chicago School District Article of the School Code. Provides that each year, on or before the September fall enrollment count, (1) the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher who is teaching courses in public school classrooms for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18 students; (2) the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher who is teaching courses in public school classrooms for grades 4 through 8 may not exceed 22 students; and the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher who is teaching courses in public school classrooms for grades 9 through 12 may not exceed 25 students, which maximums must be maintained after the September fall enrollment count. Sets forth exceptions. Requires the State Board of Education to annually calculate class size measures based upon the September fall enrollment count.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 Section
5 34-18.47 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.47 new)

7 Sec. 34-18.47. Maximum class size.

8 (a) Each year, on or before the September fall enrollment
9 count, the following class size maximums must be satisfied:

10 (1) The maximum number of students assigned to each
11 teacher who is teaching courses in public school classrooms
12 for prekindergarten through grade 3 may not exceed 18
13 students.

14 (2) The maximum number of students assigned to each
15 teacher who is teaching courses in public school classrooms
16 for grades 4 through 8 may not exceed 22 students. The
17 maximum number of students assigned to a high school course
18 in which a student in any of grades 4 through 8 is enrolled
19 shall be governed by the requirements in subdivision (3) of
20 this subsection (a).

21 (3) The maximum number of students assigned to each
22 teacher who is teaching courses in public school classrooms
23 for grades 9 through 12 may not exceed 25 students.

1 These maximums must be maintained after the September fall
2 enrollment count, except as provided in subsection (c) of this
3 Section or due to an extreme emergency beyond the control of
4 the board.

5 (b) The State Board of Education shall annually calculate
6 the class size measures described in subsection (a) of this
7 Section based upon the September fall enrollment count.

8 (c) A student who enrolls in a school after the September
9 fall enrollment count may be assigned to an existing class that
10 temporarily exceeds the maximum number of students in
11 subsection (a) of this Section if the board determines it to be
12 impractical, educationally unsound, or disruptive to student
13 learning to not assign the student to the class. If the board
14 makes this determination:

15 (1) up to 3 students may be assigned to a teacher in
16 kindergarten through grade 3 above the maximum as provided
17 in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this Section;

18 (2) up to 5 students may be assigned to a teacher in
19 grades 4 through 12 above the maximum as provided in
20 subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of this Section,
21 respectively; and

22 (3) the board shall develop a plan that provides that
23 the school will be in full compliance with the maximum
24 class size in subsection (a) of this Section by the next
25 September fall enrollment count.