

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 403
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 403 By: Van de Putte

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the classroom placement of multiple birth siblings in
1-11 public schools.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 25.043 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 25.043. CLASSROOM PLACEMENT OF MULTIPLE BIRTH
1-16 SIBLINGS. (a) In this section:

1-17 (1) "Multiple birth sibling" means a twin, triplet,
1-18 quadruplet, or other sibling resulting from a multiple birth.

1-19 (2) "Parent" includes a parent standing in parental
1-20 relation.

1-21 (b) The parent of multiple birth siblings who are assigned
1-22 to the same grade level and school may request in writing, not later
1-23 than the 14th day after the first day of enrollment, that the school
1-24 place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate classrooms.

1-25 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or (f), a school
1-26 shall provide the multiple birth siblings with the classroom
1-27 placement requested by the parent.

1-28 (d) At the end of the first grading period following the
1-29 multiple birth siblings' enrollment in the school, if the principal
1-30 of the school, in consultation with the teacher of each classroom in
1-31 which the multiple birth siblings are placed, determines that the
1-32 requested classroom placement is disruptive to the school, the
1-33 principal may determine the appropriate classroom placement for the
1-34 siblings.

1-35 (e) A parent may appeal the principal's classroom placement
1-36 of multiple birth siblings in the manner provided by school
1-37 district policy. Notwithstanding removals due to violations of
1-38 Chapter 37 during an appeal, the multiple birth siblings shall
1-39 remain in the classroom chosen by the parent.

1-40 (f) A school district is not required to place multiple
1-41 birth siblings in separate classrooms if the request would require
1-42 the school district to add an additional class to the grade level of
1-43 the multiple birth siblings.

1-44 SECTION 2. Section 25.043, Education Code, as added by this
1-45 Act, applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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