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WITHDRAWN

Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th and Adelman of the 42nd offered the following

2 amendment:

Amend the committee substitute to SB 35 (LC 33 0708-ECS) by striking line 33 of page 2 through line 17 of page 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"'(i) The State Board of Education shall adopt for each instructional program authorized pursuant to Part 3 of this article and the middle school program provided for in Code Section 20-2-290 the maximum number of students which may be taught by a teacher in an instructional period. Such maximum class sizes shall be equal to or greater than the teacher-student ratios used in the calculation of the program weights as set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161 but shall not exceed the funding class size by more than 20 percent, unless specifically authorized by the State Board of Education; provided, however, that in no case shall the 20 percent maximum be exceeded for mathematics, science, social studies, or English classes; provided, further, that the maximum class size for kindergarten and grades one through three shall not exceed 20 percent over the funding ratio except for art, music, or physical education classes; provided, further, that the maximum class size for special education, gifted, and English for speakers of other languages classes shall be set by the State Board of Education. For a period not to exceed four"