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1 Senator Thompson of the 33rd offered the following amendment:

2 *Amend SB 390 (LC 33 1086-EC) by inserting after "2008;" on line 8 of page 1 the following:*

3 to amend Code Section 20-2-182, relating to program weights, so as to change certain
4 provisions relating to maximum class sizes;

5 *By inserting between lines 13 and 14 of page 3 the following:*

SECTION 2A.

6
7 Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program
8 weights, is amended by striking the first four sentences of subsection (i) and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "(i) The State Board of Education shall adopt for each instructional program authorized
11 pursuant to Part 3 of this article and the middle school program provided for in Code
12 Section 20-2-290 the maximum number of students which may be taught by a teacher in
13 an instructional period. The State Board of Education shall provide for a ~~system average~~
14 maximum class size that shall not exceed the funding class size by more than 20 percent
15 for mathematics, science, social studies, or language arts classes, unless specifically
16 authorized by the State Board of Education. The ~~system average~~ maximum class size for
17 kindergarten and grades one through three shall not exceed 20 percent over the funding
18 ratio except for art, music, or physical education classes; provided, further, that the ~~system~~
19 ~~average~~ maximum class size for special education, gifted, and English for speakers of other
20 languages classes shall be set by the State Board of Education. For each instructional
21 program, the maximum number of students who may be taught by a teacher in an
22 instructional period shall not exceed the ~~system average~~ maximum class size for the
23 program by more than two students; provided, however, that a ~~system average~~ maximum
24 class size which results in a fractional full-time equivalent shall be rounded up to the
25 nearest whole number."