

Senate Bill 123

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Hawkins of the 49th, Hill of the 32nd, Schaefer of the 50th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for requirements for placement of
3 students in classrooms; to require that twins or other multiples are placed in the same
4 classroom if the parent or guardian requests; to provide that each local board of education
5 may set maximum class sizes for high school general education programs under certain
6 conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and
10 secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "20-2-71.

12 (a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'higher order multiples' means triplets,
13 quadruplets, quintuplets, or more.

14 (b) A school must place twins or higher order multiples from the same family together in
15 the same classroom if the children are in the same grade level at the same school and meet
16 the eligibility requirements of the class, and the children's parent or legal guardian requests
17 the placement, unless factual performance evidence shows proof that these specific
18 students should be separated. The parent or guardian must request the classroom
19 placement no later than 5 days before the first day of each school year or 5 days after the
20 first day of attendance of the children during a school year if the children are enrolled in
21 the school after the school year commences."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-2-182, relating to program weights,
24 maximum class size, and reporting requirements, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (i)
25 as follows:

