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## **SB 403 - Classroom Placement of Twins**

*A bill to allow parents of multiple birth students to request either the same or separate classroom placements for their children.*

- ★ **Current law gives no rights to parents of twins the ability to influence the placement of their children.**
- ★ **Some parents may want their twins separated while others may want them assigned to the same class.**
- ★ **Some schools arbitrarily separate multiples against parent's wishes.**
- ★ **There is no research that indicates that separation is beneficial to the development of individuality of twins.**
- ★ **This bill allows principals and teachers to change the placement after one grading period.**
- ★ **The bill allows the school to provide professional educational advice regarding placement.**

*The ultimate decision remains with the school district.*

***Committee Substitute.... To accommodate TASA & TASB the committee substitute changes the burden of proof from the principal to the parents during the appeals process and exempts schools with only one section per elementary grade.***

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