

SENATE BILL 1928

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to class sizes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a) It is the intent of the general assembly that every LEA move expeditiously and promptly toward the goals established in this section, and to that end, neither the commissioner nor the state board of education shall grant waivers from the maximum class sizes established in this section. Every public local school system shall have as a policy that pupil-teacher ratios should not exceed the stated averages prescribed in this section. In no school building shall the average size of any grade level unit prescribed in this section exceed the state average, though any individual class within that unit may exceed the average; provided, that no class shall exceed the prescribed maximum size.

**For the 2024-2025 school year:**

| <u>Grade Level</u>                | <u>Average</u> | <u>Maximum Class Size</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| K-3                               | 20             | 25                        |
| 4-6                               | 25             | 30                        |
| 7-12                              | 30             | 35                        |
| Career and Technical<br>Education | 20             | 25                        |

**For the 2025-2026 school year:**

| <u>Grade Level</u> | <u>Average</u> | <u>Maximum Class Size</u> |
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| K-3                            | 19 | 24 |
| 4-6                            | 24 | 29 |
| 7-12                           | 29 | 34 |
| Career and Technical Education | 19 | 24 |

**For the 2026-2027 school year:**

| <u>Grade Level</u>             | <u>Average</u> | <u>Maximum Class Size</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| K-3                            | 18             | 23                        |
| 4-6                            | 23             | 28                        |
| 7-12                           | 28             | 33                        |
| Career and Technical Education | 18             | 23                        |

**For the 2027-2028 school year:**

| <u>Grade Level</u>             | <u>Average</u> | <u>Maximum Class Size</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| K-3                            | 17             | 22                        |
| 4-6                            | 22             | 27                        |
| 7-12                           | 27             | 32                        |
| Career and Technical Education | 17             | 22                        |

**For the 2028-2029 school year:**

| <u>Grade Level</u>             | <u>Average</u> | <u>Maximum Class Size</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| K-3                            | 16             | 21                        |
| 4-6                            | 21             | 26                        |
| 7-12                           | 26             | 31                        |
| Career and Technical Education | 16             | 21                        |

**For the 2029-2030 school year and each school year thereafter:**

| <u>Grade Level</u>                | <u>Average</u> | <u>Maximum Class Size</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| K-3                               | 15             | 20                        |
| 4-6                               | 20             | 25                        |
| 7-12                              | 25             | 30                        |
| Career and Technical<br>Education | 15             | 20                        |

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.