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A Bill

SENATE BILL 268

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENTS OF MULTIPLE BIRTH SIBLINGS TO
9 MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM
10 ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE SIBLINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO ALLOW PARENTS OF MULTIPLE BIRTH
15 SIBLINGS TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR
17 THE SIBLINGS.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 1 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-18-106. Classroom assignment of multiple birth siblings.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1) "Multiple birth sibling" means a twin, triplet, quadruplet,
27 or other sibling resulting from a multiple birth; and

28 (2) "Parent" means the parent, legal guardian, or other person
29 having custody or charge of a student enrolled in a public school.

30 (b) Not later than the fourteenth day after the first day of
31 enrollment, a parent of multiple birth siblings who are assigned to the same
32 grade level and school may request in writing that the school place the
33 siblings in the same classroom or in separate classrooms.

34 (c) Except as provided by subsection (e) or (g), a school shall provide
35 the multiple birth siblings with the classroom placement requested by the
36 parent.



1 (d) In the event that one (1) parent's election under subsection (c)
2 of this section differs from another parent's election under subsection (c)
3 of this section, the school shall determine the appropriate placement of the
4 multiple birth siblings.

5 (e) The school may direct a classroom placement for the multiple birth
6 siblings that differs from the parent's request if:

7 (1) Thirty (30) instructional days have lapsed since the date
8 the multiple birth siblings' began the classroom placement made at the
9 parent's request; and

10 (2) After consulting with the teacher of each classroom in which
11 the multiple birth siblings are placed, the school determines that the
12 classroom placement requested by the parent is:

13 (A) Detrimental to the educational achievement of one (1)
14 or more of the multiple birth siblings;

15 (B) Disruptive to the classroom learning environment where
16 the multiple birth sibling is assigned; or

17 (C) Disruptive to the school's educational or disciplinary
18 environment.

19 (f) A parent may appeal the school's classroom placement of multiple
20 birth siblings in the manner provided by school district policy.

21 (g) A school district is not required to place multiple birth siblings
22 in separate classrooms if the request would require the school district to
23 add an additional class to the grade level of the multiple birth siblings.

24 (h) A school district shall adopt a written policy concerning the
25 procedures for classroom placements of multiple birth siblings that is
26 consistent with this section.

27 (i) This section does not affect a right or obligation of the school or
28 school district regarding student placement decisions of the school district
29 under:

30 (1) The Children With Disabilities Act of 1973, § 6-41-201 et
31 seq.;

32 (2) The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.
33 Section 1400 et seq., as it exists on the effective date of this section; or

34 (3) Written school district disciplinary policies.

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