

**SB 6376 - DIGEST**

Finds that the purpose of this act is to improve public education by enabling learner-focused education through smaller class sizes in the early grades.

Declares that the state's long-term goal is to reduce class size in grades kindergarten through three to no more than seventeen students per teacher in a class by the 2013-14 school year.

Provides that in addition to the base allocation, additional certificated instructional staff shall be allocated only if the district documents an actual ratio in grades kindergarten through three equal to or greater than the sum of the base allocation and any allocation provided for the applicable year.

Provides that additional funds allocated under this act may be used to provide improvements or additions to facilities directly related to class size reductions in grades kindergarten through three.