

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee. I testify today in support of Senate Bill 1093, which would implement caps on class sizes and take an important step in ensuring that classrooms are places where students can learn and educators can teach. I have been teaching P.E. and health for 25 years after serving in the military for 3. This year we have the largest class sizes I've ever had, and it creates many issues, such as: 1) Unsafe movement space in generally too small rooms/spaces. 2) Too many students to focus on which causes many to not get the attention from me needed to success. 3) Extreme teacher burnout with all the extra grading, assessments, data, IEPs, 504's, behavior plans, parents, and a growing number of responsibilities. We've had established teachers quit mid year due to overload, and it has been hard to find replacements. 4) Not having enough budget money to buy equipment for extra large class sizes, which means a lot of lost learning time. Reducing class sizes would GREATLY help lower income school district students find success. Thank you for your time and consideration. Mike Ginicola

