

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2619 as follows:

1.2 Page 3, after line 25, insert:

1.3 "Subd. 7. **Exception to ratio requirements.** (a) A classroom in a school district or
1.4 charter school may have a class size ratio that exceeds the ratios in subdivision 6 if the
1.5 classroom has one licensed teacher or instructional paraprofessional for at least the number
1.6 of hours of instruction required under section 120A.41 each school year, in addition to the
1.7 classroom teacher.

1.8 (b) For purposes of this section, an instructional paraprofessional means a person
1.9 employed by the district or charter school, who works under the direct supervision of the
1.10 classroom teacher, and whose job duties are to provide instructional support, including
1.11 assisting with classroom management. An instructional paraprofessional does not include
1.12 a person who works in cafeteria or playground supervision, personal care services,
1.13 noninstructional computer assistance, or similar positions. An instructional paraprofessional
1.14 must have:

1.15 (1) completed at least two years of college credits through an accredited institution of
1.16 higher education;

1.17 (2) obtained an associate's or higher degree; or

1.18 (3) a passing score on the ParaPro assessment.

1.19 (c) A school district or charter school must provide an instructional paraprofessional
1.20 opportunities for professional development to meet the educational needs of the students
1.21 in the classroom, including training on the following topics:

1.22 (1) literacy instruction consistent with the district or charter school's literacy plan;

1.23 (2) cultural competence;

1.24 (3) best practices in meeting the varied needs of English learners;

- 2.1 (4) strategies for creating a positive school climate; and
- 2.2 (5) using positive behavior interventions and nonexclusionary discipline."
- 2.3 Renumber the subdivisions in sequence