

By Senator Meadows

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to education; amending s.  
229.58, F.S.; revising provisions relating to  
membership of school advisory councils;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
229.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

229.58 District and school advisory councils.--

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.--

(a) The school board shall establish an advisory  
council for each school in the district, and shall develop  
procedures for the election and appointment of advisory  
council members. A majority of the members of each school  
advisory council must be persons who are not employed by the  
school board at the school site where such person performs his  
or her primary duties. Each advisory council shall be composed  
of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of  
teachers, education support employees, students, parents, and  
other business and community citizens who are representative  
of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the  
school, provided that vocational-technical center and high  
school advisory councils shall include students, and middle  
and junior high school advisory councils may include students.  
Council members representing teachers, education support  
employees, students, and parents shall be elected by their  
respective peer groups at the school in a fair and equitable  
manner as follows:

- 1. Teachers shall be elected by teachers.

1           2. Education support employees shall be elected by  
2 education support employees.

3           3. Students shall be elected by students.

4           4. Parents shall be elected by parents.

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6 The school board shall establish procedures for use by schools  
7 in selecting business and community members. Such procedures  
8 shall include means of ensuring wide notice of vacancies and  
9 for taking input on possible members from local business,  
10 chambers of commerce, community and civic organizations and  
11 groups, and the public at large. The school board shall review  
12 the membership composition of each advisory council. Should  
13 the school board determine that the membership elected by the  
14 school is not representative of the ethnic, racial, and  
15 economic community served by the school, the board shall  
16 appoint additional members to achieve proper representation.  
17 Although schools should be strongly encouraged to establish  
18 school advisory councils, any school district that has a  
19 student population of 10,000 or fewer may establish a district  
20 advisory council which shall include at least one duly elected  
21 teacher from each school in the district. For the purposes of  
22 school advisory councils and district advisory councils, the  
23 term "teacher" shall include classroom teachers, certified  
24 student services personnel, and media specialists. For  
25 purposes of this paragraph, "education support employee" means  
26 any person employed by a school who is not defined as  
27 instructional or administrative personnel pursuant to s.  
28 228.041 and whose duties require 20 or more hours in each  
29 normal working week.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the  
31 year in which enacted.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises provisions relating to membership of school  
advisory councils.