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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; amending s.
3 24.121, F.S.; deleting obsolete language
4 relating to the release of lottery funds to
5 school districts; amending s. 229.58, F.S.;
6 revising provisions relating to membership of
7 school advisory councils; amending s. 229.591,
8 F.S.; requiring postsecondary institutions to
9 work toward the goal of ensuring professional
10 teachers and staff; amending s. 230.23, F.S.,
11 relating to school improvement and
12 accountability; requiring school board approval
13 of school improvement plans by August 15
14 annually; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section
19 24.121, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 12 of chapter
20 97-384, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

21 24.121 Allocation of revenues and expenditure of funds
22 for public education.--

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24 (d) ~~Beginning July 1, 1993,~~No funds shall be released
25 for any purpose from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to
26 any school district in which one or more schools do not have
27 an approved school improvement plan pursuant to s. 230.23(16).

28 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
29 229.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30 229.58 District and school advisory councils.--

31 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.--

1 (a) The school board shall establish an advisory
2 council for each school in the district, and shall develop
3 procedures for the election and appointment of advisory
4 council members. A majority of the members of each school
5 advisory council must be persons who are not employed by the
6 school ~~board~~. Each advisory council shall be composed of the
7 principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers,
8 education support employees, students, parents, and other
9 business and community citizens who are representative of the
10 ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school.
11 ~~provided that~~ Vocational-technical center and high school
12 advisory councils shall include students, and middle and
13 junior high school advisory councils may include students.
14 School advisory councils of vocational-technical and adult
15 education centers are not required to include parents as
16 members. Council members representing teachers, education
17 support employees, students, and parents shall be elected by
18 their respective peer groups at the school in a fair and
19 equitable manner as follows:
20 1. Teachers shall be elected by teachers.
21 2. Education support employees shall be elected by
22 education support employees.
23 3. Students shall be elected by students.
24 4. Parents shall be elected by parents.

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26 The school board shall establish procedures for use by schools
27 in selecting business and community members. Such procedures
28 shall include means of ensuring wide notice of vacancies and
29 for taking input on possible members from local business,
30 chambers of commerce, community and civic organizations and
31 groups, and the public at large. The school board shall review

1 the membership composition of each advisory council. Should
2 the school board determine that the membership elected by the
3 school is not representative of the ethnic, racial, and
4 economic community served by the school, the board shall
5 appoint additional members to achieve proper representation.
6 Although schools should be strongly encouraged to establish
7 school advisory councils, any school district that has a
8 student population of 10,000 or fewer may establish a district
9 advisory council which shall include at least one duly elected
10 teacher from each school in the district. For the purposes of
11 school advisory councils and district advisory councils, the
12 term "teacher" shall include classroom teachers, certified
13 student services personnel, and media specialists. For
14 purposes of this paragraph, "education support employee" means
15 any person employed by a school who is not defined as
16 instructional or administrative personnel pursuant to s.
17 228.041 and whose duties require 20 or more hours in each
18 normal working week.

19 Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section
20 229.591, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 229.591 Comprehensive revision of Florida's system of
22 school improvement and education accountability.--

23 (3) EDUCATION GOALS.--The state as a whole shall work
24 toward the following goals:

25 (f) Teachers and staff.--The schools, district, all
26 postsecondary institutions,and state ensure professional
27 teachers and staff.

28 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (16) of section
29 230.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1 230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school
2 board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and
3 perform all duties listed below:

4 (16) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND
5 ACCOUNTABILITY.--Maintain a system of school improvement and
6 education accountability as provided by statute and State
7 Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and
8 education accountability shall be consistent with, and
9 implemented through, the district's continuing system of
10 planning and budgeting required by this section and ss.
11 229.555 and 237.041. This system of school improvement and
12 education accountability shall include, but not be limited to,
13 the following:

14 (a) School improvement plans.--By August 15 annually,
15 approve and require implementation of a new, amended, or
16 continuation school improvement plan for each school in the
17 district. Such plan shall be designed to achieve the state
18 education goals and student performance standards pursuant to
19 ss. 229.591(3) and 229.592.

20 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
21 law.

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24 SENATE SUMMARY

25
26 Deletes obsolete language relating to the release of
27 lottery funds to school districts. Revises provisions
28 relating to membership of school advisory councils by
29 providing that such councils need not include parents as
30 members. Requires postsecondary institutions to work
31 toward the goal of ensuring professional teachers and
staff in the schools of this state. Requires school
boards to approve school improvement plans annually by
August 15.