

By the Committee on Education and Senator Kirkpatrick

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; amending s.
24.121, F.S.; deleting obsolete language
relating to the release of lottery funds to
school districts; amending s. 229.58, F.S.;
revising provisions relating to membership of
school advisory councils; amending s. 229.591,
F.S.; requiring postsecondary institutions to
work toward the goal of ensuring professional
teachers and staff; providing an effective
date.

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

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

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

(5)

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

Section 2. 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

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

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23 The school board shall establish procedures for use by schools
24 in selecting business and community members. Such procedures
25 shall include means of ensuring wide notice of vacancies and
26 for taking input on possible members from local business,
27 chambers of commerce, community and civic organizations and
28 groups, and the public at large. The school board shall review
29 the membership composition of each advisory council. Should
30 the school board determine that the membership elected by the
31 school is not representative of the ethnic, racial, and

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

16 Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section
17 229.591, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 229.591 Comprehensive revision of Florida's system of
19 school improvement and education accountability.--

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

22 (f) Teachers and staff.--The schools, district, all
23 postsecondary institutions, and state ensure professional
24 teachers and staff.

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
26 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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The committee substitute does not change the requirement that a majority of the members of a school advisory council be persons who are not employed by the school board, and it does not provide a date by which school boards must approve school improvement plans.