

By Representative Fischer

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; amending s.
3 229.58, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
4 membership of school advisory councils;
5 providing an effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
10 229.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 229.58 District and school advisory councils.--

12 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.--

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

31 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.