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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to district and school advisory  
3           councils; amending s. 1001.452, F.S.; providing that a  
4           majority of the members of a school advisory council  
5           not be employed by the school; providing an effective  
6           date.

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

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
11   1001.452, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1001.452 District and school advisory councils.—

13           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

14           (a) The district school board shall establish an advisory  
15   council for each school in the district and shall develop  
16   procedures for the election and appointment of advisory council  
17   members. Each school advisory council shall include in its name  
18   the words "school advisory council." The school advisory council  
19   shall be the sole body responsible for the final decisionmaking  
20   at the school relating to the implementation of ss. 1001.42(18)  
21   and 1008.345. A majority of the members of each school advisory  
22   council must be persons who are not employed by the school  
23   ~~district~~. Each advisory council shall be composed of the  
24   principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers,  
25   education support employees, students, parents, and other  
26   business and community citizens who are representative of the  
27   ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school.  
28   Career center and high school advisory councils shall include  
29   students, and middle and junior high school advisory councils

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30 may include students. School advisory councils of career centers  
31 and adult education centers are not required to include parents  
32 as members. Council members representing teachers, education  
33 support employees, students, and parents shall be elected by  
34 their respective peer groups at the school in a fair and  
35 equitable manner as follows:

36 1. Teachers shall be elected by teachers.

37 2. Education support employees shall be elected by  
38 education support employees.

39 3. Students shall be elected by students.

40 4. Parents shall be elected by parents.

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42 The district school board shall establish procedures to be used  
43 by schools in selecting business and community members that  
44 include means of ensuring wide notice of vacancies and of taking  
45 input on possible members from local business, chambers of  
46 commerce, community and civic organizations and groups, and the  
47 public at large. The district school board shall review the  
48 membership composition of each advisory council. If the district  
49 school board determines that the membership elected by the  
50 school is not representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic  
51 community served by the school, the district school board shall  
52 appoint additional members to achieve proper representation. The  
53 commissioner shall determine if schools have maximized their  
54 efforts to include on their advisory councils minority persons  
55 and persons of lower socioeconomic status. Although schools are  
56 strongly encouraged to establish school advisory councils, the  
57 district school board of any school district that has a student  
58 population of 10,000 or fewer may establish a district advisory

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59 council which includes at least one duly elected teacher from  
60 each school in the district. For the purposes of school advisory  
61 councils and district advisory councils, the term "teacher"  
62 includes classroom teachers, certified student services  
63 personnel, and media specialists. For purposes of this  
64 paragraph, "education support employee" means any person  
65 employed by a school who is not defined as instructional or  
66 administrative personnel pursuant to s. 1012.01 and whose duties  
67 require 20 or more hours in each normal working week.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.