

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Sobel

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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.; requiring that a
4 district school board make a good faith effort to
5 advertise and open the school advisory council to
6 members of the community; providing that a majority of
7 the members of a school advisory council not be
8 employed by the school; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
13 1001.452, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1001.452 District and school advisory councils.—

15 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

16 (a) The district school board shall establish an advisory
17 council for each school in the district and shall develop
18 procedures for the election and appointment of advisory council
19 members. The district school board shall make a good faith
20 effort to advertise and open the school advisory council to
21 members of the community. Each school advisory council shall
22 include in its name the words "school advisory council." The
23 school advisory council shall be the sole body responsible for
24 the final decisionmaking at the school relating to the
25 implementation of ss. 1001.42(18) and 1008.345. A majority of
26 the members of each school advisory council must be persons who
27 are not employed by the school ~~district~~. Each advisory council
28 shall be composed of the principal and an appropriately balanced
29 number of teachers, education support employees, students,

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30 parents, and other business and community citizens who are
31 representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community
32 served by the school. Career center and high school advisory
33 councils shall include students, and middle and junior high
34 school advisory councils may include students. School advisory
35 councils of career centers and adult education centers are not
36 required to include parents as members. Council members
37 representing teachers, education support employees, students,
38 and parents shall be elected by their respective peer groups at
39 the school in a fair and equitable manner as follows:

40 1. Teachers shall be elected by teachers.

41 2. Education support employees shall be elected by
42 education support employees.

43 3. Students shall be elected by students.

44 4. Parents shall be elected by parents.

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

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59 and persons of lower socioeconomic status. Although schools are
60 strongly encouraged to establish school advisory councils, the
61 district school board of any school district that has a student
62 population of 10,000 or fewer may establish a district advisory
63 council which includes at least one duly elected teacher from
64 each school in the district. For the purposes of school advisory
65 councils and district advisory councils, the term "teacher"
66 includes classroom teachers, certified student services
67 personnel, and media specialists. For purposes of this
68 paragraph, "education support employee" means any person
69 employed by a school who is not defined as instructional or
70 administrative personnel pursuant to s. 1012.01 and whose duties
71 require 20 or more hours in each normal working week.

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