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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to district and school advisory councils;
3 amending s. 1001.452, F.S.; providing that a majority of
4 the members of a school advisory council not be employed
5 at the school; 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 1001.452, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1001.452 District and school advisory councils.--

12 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.--

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

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

- 35 | 1. Teachers shall be elected by teachers.
- 36 | 2. Education support employees shall be elected by
37 | education support employees.
- 38 | 3. Students shall be elected by students.
- 39 | 4. Parents shall be elected by parents.

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

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57 | population of 10,000 or fewer may establish a district advisory
58 | council which includes at least one duly elected teacher from
59 | each school in the district. For the purposes of school advisory
60 | councils and district advisory councils, the term "teacher"
61 | includes classroom teachers, certified student services
62 | personnel, and media specialists. For purposes of this
63 | paragraph, "education support employee" means any person
64 | employed by a school who is not defined as instructional or
65 | administrative personnel pursuant to s. 1012.01 and whose duties
66 | require 20 or more hours in each normal working week.

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