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Com. Sub. for
HOUSE BILL No. 2362

(By Mr. Del. Ashcraft + Prezioso)

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Passed March 7, 1991

In Effect From Passage

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
H. B. 2362
(By DELEGATES ASHCRAFT AND PREZIOSO)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article five-a, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to permitting vocational-technical schools to include additional representatives of business and industry on their school improvement councils.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article five-a, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5A. LOCAL SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT.

§18-5A-2. Local school improvement councils; election.

1 A local school improvement council shall be estab-
2 lished at every school consisting of the principal, who
3 shall serve as the ex officio chairman of the council and
4 be entitled to vote, three teachers elected by the faculty
5 senate of the school, two school service personnel elected
6 by the school service personnel employed at the school,
7 three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled at
8 the school elected by the school's parent teacher
9 organization, and two at-large members appointed by
10 the principal, one of whom resides in the school's

11 attendance area and one of whom represents business or
12 industry, both of whom are not eligible for membership
13 under any of the other elected classes of members and
14 in the case of vocational-technical schools, the vocational
15 director, or if there is no vocational director then the
16 principal, may appoint no more than two additional
17 representatives, one of whom represents business and
18 one of whom represents industry: *Provided*, That if the
19 school houses students in grade seven or higher, then the
20 student body president or other student, elected by the
21 student body in grade seven or higher, shall also be a
22 member of the council.

23 The principal shall arrange for such elections to be
24 held prior to the tenth day of May of each school year
25 to elect a council to serve for the next ensuing school
26 year and shall give notice of the elections at least one
27 week prior to the elections being held. To the extent
28 practical, all elections shall be held within the same
29 week. Persons elected to the council shall serve until the
30 next election and may only be replaced upon death,
31 resignation, failure to appear at three consecutive
32 meetings of the council for which notice was given or,
33 a change in personal circumstances so that the person
34 is no longer representative of the class of members from
35 which appointed. In the case of replacement, an election
36 shall be held to elect another qualified person to serve
37 the unexpired term of the person being replaced.

38 Each member of the school improvement council must
39 be given written notice two employment days in advance
40 of any council meeting.

41 School improvement councils shall meet at least once
42 every nine weeks or equivalent grading period at the
43 call of the chair or by three fourths of its members. At
44 the first meeting of the council, the chair shall provide
45 each member with a copy of the current applicable
46 section of this code and any state board rule or
47 regulation promulgated pursuant to the operation of
48 these councils, and the council shall elect from its
49 membership two members to assist the chair in setting
50 the agenda for each council meeting.

51 School improvement councils shall be considered for
52 the receipt of school of excellence awards under section
53 three of this article and competitive grant awards under
54 section twenty-nine, article two of this chapter, and may
55 receive and expend such grants for the purposes
56 provided in such section.

57 In any and all matters which may fall within the scope
58 of both the school improvement councils and the school
59 curriculum teams authorized in section five of this
60 article, the school curriculum teams shall be deemed to
61 have jurisdiction.

62 A school improvement council shall receive coopera-
63 tion from the school in implementing policies and
64 programs it may adopt to:

65 (1) Encourage the involvement of parents in their
66 child's educational process and in the school;

67 (2) Encourage businesses to provide time for their
68 employees who are parents to meet with teachers
69 concerning their child's education;

70 (3) Encourage advice and suggestions from the
71 business community;

72 (4) Encourage school volunteer programs and mentor-
73 ship programs; and

74 (5) Foster utilization of the school facilities and
75 grounds for public community activities.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Originating in the House.

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The within is approved _____ this the 27th
day of March, 1991.

Gaston Caperton
Governor

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Date 3/18/91

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