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Com. Lab. for

HOUSE BILL No. 2362

(By Mr. Del Ashcraft & Zugisso)

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Passed ........................................ March 7, 1991

In Effect ........................................ From Passage
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 established at every school consisting of the principal, who shall serve as the ex officio chairman of the council and be entitled to vote, three teachers elected by the faculty senate of the school, two school service personnel elected by the school service personnel employed at the school, three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled at the school elected by the school’s parent teacher organization, and two at-large members appointed by the principal, one of whom resides in the school’s
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attendance area and one of whom represents business or
industry, both of whom are not eligible for membership
under any of the other elected classes of members and
in the case of vocational-technical schools, the vocational
director, or if there is no vocational director then the
principal, may appoint no more than two additional
representatives, one of whom represents business and
one of whom represents industry: Provided, That if the
school houses students in grade seven or higher, then the
student body president or other student, elected by the
student body in grade seven or higher, shall also be a
member of the council.

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

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

School improvement councils shall meet at least once
every nine weeks or equivalent grading period at the
call of the chair or by three fourths of its members. At
the first meeting of the council, the chair shall provide
each member with a copy of the current applicable
section of this code and any state board rule or
regulation promulgated pursuant to the operation of
these councils, and the council shall elect from its
membership two members to assist the chair in setting
the agenda for each council meeting.
School improvement councils shall be considered for the receipt of school of excellence awards under section three of this article and competitive grant awards under section twenty-nine, article two of this chapter, and may receive and expend such grants for the purposes provided in such section.

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

A school improvement council shall receive cooperation from the school in implementing policies and programs it may adopt to:

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

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

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

(4) Encourage school volunteer programs and mentorship programs; and

(5) Foster utilization of the school facilities and grounds for public community activities.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the ______ day of ______, 1991.

Governor