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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the inclusion of a student representative on a
3 district-level planning and decision-making committee.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 11.251(b) and (e), Education Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The board shall adopt a policy to establish a district-
8 and campus-level planning and decision-making process that will
9 involve the professional staff of the district, parents, students,
10 and community members in establishing and reviewing the district's
11 and campuses' educational plans, goals, performance objectives,
12 and major classroom instructional programs. The board shall
13 establish a procedure under which meetings are held regularly by
14 district- and campus-level planning and decision-making committees
15 that include representative professional staff, parents of
16 students enrolled in the district, students, business
17 representatives, and community members. The committees shall
18 include a business representative without regard to whether the
19 representative resides in the district or whether the business the
20 person represents is located in the district. The board, or the
21 board's designee, shall periodically meet with the district-level
22 committee to review the district-level committee's deliberations.

23 (e) The board shall adopt a procedure, consistent with
24 Section 21.407(a), for the professional staff in the district to

1 nominate and elect the professional staff representatives who shall
2 meet with the board or the board designee as required under this
3 section. At least two-thirds of the elected professional staff
4 representatives must be classroom teachers. The remaining staff
5 representatives shall include both campus- and district-level
6 professional staff members. Board policy must provide procedures
7 for:

8 (1) the selection of parents to the district-level and
9 campus-level committees; ~~and~~

10 (2) the selection of community members and business
11 representatives to serve on the district-level committee in a
12 manner that provides for appropriate representation of the
13 community's diversity; and

14 (3) the selection of a student to the district-level
15 committee.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
17 school year.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.