

House Bill 1054

By: Representatives Casas of the 68th, Coleman of the 65th, Hines of the 35th, Noel of the 44th,
and Rice of the 64th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 operation of school councils, so as to provide for a minimum of seven councilmembers at
3 each school; to provide that councilmembers shall include the school principal and one or
4 more parents, teachers, and businesspersons; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the operation
9 of school councils, is amended by striking subsections (c), (d), and (h) and inserting in lieu
10 thereof the following:

11 "(c) Membership on the council shall be open to teachers, parents, and business
12 representatives selected from all businesses that are designated school business partners.
13 Any member may withdraw from the council by delivering to the council a written
14 resignation and submitting a copy to the secretary of the council or school principal. Should
15 school councilmembers determine that a member of the council is no longer active in the
16 council as defined by the bylaws of the council, the council may, ~~by a vote of five members~~
17 ~~of the council~~, withdraw such person's membership status, effective as of a date determined
18 by the council.

19 ~~(d) The property and business of the council shall be managed by seven school~~
20 ~~councilmembers of whom a~~ Each school shall have a minimum of seven councilmembers.

21 A majority shall constitute a quorum. School councilmembers must be individuals who are
22 18 years of age or older. Members of the school council shall include:

23 (1) ~~Two~~ One or more parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, excluding
24 employees who are parents or guardians of such students;

25 (2) ~~Two~~ One or more businesspersons, ~~one of whom shall be~~ selected by the local board
26 of education ~~and one of whom shall be selected by the other five nonbusiness members~~

1 of the school council from the business partners of the school or, if there are no business
 2 partners, from the local business community;

3 (3) ~~Two~~ One or more certificated teachers, excluding any personnel employed in
 4 administrative positions, who are employed at least four of the six school segments at the
 5 school; and

6 (4) The school principal.

7 An employee of the local school system may serve as a parent representative on the council
 8 of a school in which his or her child is enrolled if such employee works at a different
 9 school. With the exception of the principal and the business representatives, members shall
 10 be elected by, and from among, the group they represent. The chairperson of the council
 11 shall be the school principal."

12 "(h) The school council shall adopt such bylaws as it deems appropriate to conduct the
 13 business of the council. ~~The adoption of bylaws or changes thereto requires five affirmative~~
 14 ~~votes.~~ The State Board of Education shall develop and make available model school
 15 council bylaws."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.