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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 246

May 8, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives Binsfeld, Allen, Armstrong, Bodden, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Maxey, Michalski, Nedweski, O'Connor, Schmidt and Steffen, cosponsored by Senators Ballweg, Marklein and Wanggaard. Referred to Committee on Education.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

 $AN\ ACT$ to renumber and amend 118.019 (5); and to create 118.019 (5) (d) and

118.019 (5) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** the membership of a human growth and development curriculum advisory committee.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows, but does not require, a school board to provide a human growth and development instructional program in grades kindergarten to 12. Under current law, if a school board elects to provide a human growth and development instructional program, the school board must appoint an ad hoc advisory committee to advise the school board on the design and implementation of the human growth and development curriculum, as well as to review the curriculum.

Current law requires that the advisory committee be comprised of parents, teachers, school administrators, pupils, health care professionals, members of the clergy, and other school district residents. This bill eliminates school administrators as a membership category that must be represented on the committee. Additionally, current law limits the portion of the committee that may consist of any membership category, except parents, to one-fifth of the committee and limits the portion of the committee that may consist of school district employees or their spouses or school board members or their spouses to one-fourth of the committee.

The bill specifies that each member of a human growth and development curriculum advisory committee must be a resident of the school district, unless the school board is unable to fill a membership position with a school district resident, in which case the school board may appoint a nonresident to the advisory committee.

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In addition, under the bill, no member of the advisory committee may be a relative of another member of the committee. Finally, the bill requires a school board to remove a committee member who is absent from two consecutive meetings without prior written approval.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 118.019 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 118.019 (5) (intro.) and amended to read:

118.019 (5) Advisory committee. (intro.) In any school district that offers a human growth and development curriculum, the school board shall appoint an ad hoc advisory committee whose role is to advise the school board on the design and implementation of the human growth and development curriculum and to review the curriculum. Parents, The school board shall remove a member of the committee if the member is absent from 2 consecutive committee meetings without the prior written approval of the chairperson of the committee. The school board shall appoint the ad hoc advisory committee in a manner that complies with all of the following:

(a) The committee includes parents, teachers, school administrators, pupils, health care professionals, members of the clergy, and other individuals who are residents of the school district shall comprise the committee.

(b) No one category of member-shall constitute <u>listed in par.</u> (a) constitutes more than one-fifth of the membership of the committee, except that <u>there is no limit on the portion of the membership of the committee that is comprised of parents may comprise more than one-fifth of the membership of the committee <u>of pupils enrolled</u> in the school district.</u>

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(c) No more than one quarter of the members of the committee may be made
up of are employees of the school district or their spouses or members of the school
board or their spouses.
Section 2. 118.019 (5) (d) of the statutes is created to read:
118.019 (5) (d) Each member of the committee is a resident of the school
district, except that the school board may appoint to the committee an individual who
is not a resident of the school district if the school board is unable to identify a
resident for a membership position on the committee.
Section 3. 118.019 (5) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
118.019 (5) (e) No member of the committee is a relative, as defined in s. 6.875
(1) (b), of another member of the committee.

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