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Introduced 1/27/2026, by Sen. Graciela Guzmán

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/34-2.2

from Ch. 122, par. 34-2.2

Amends the Article of the School Code concerning the Chicago school district. Removes the prohibition on student members of a local school council being counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present to act and having a vote on the following measures: (i) the evaluation of a principal; (ii) the renewal of a principal's performance contract or the inclusion of any provision or modification of the contract; (iii) the direct selection by the local school council of a new principal to serve under a 4-year performance contract; or (iv) the determination of the names of candidates to be submitted to the general superintendent for the position of principal. Requires 8 affirmative votes of the local school council at attendance centers enrolling students through grade 8 and 9 affirmative votes of the local school council at secondary attendance centers (rather than 7) for the direct selection by the local school council of a new principal. Provides that student members of a local school council shall count toward a quorum on all measures brought before the local school council. Removes the prohibition on student members of a local school council being eligible to vote on personnel matters and the allocation of teaching and staff resources.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 34-2.2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-2.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-2.2)

7 Sec. 34-2.2. Local school councils; manner of operation.

8 (a) The annual organizational meeting of each local school
9 council shall be held at the attendance center or via
10 videoconference or teleconference if guidance from the
11 Department of Public Health or Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention limits the size of in-person meetings at the time
13 of the meeting. At the annual organization meeting, which
14 shall be held no sooner than July 1 and no later than July 14,
15 a parent member of the local school council shall be selected
16 by the members of such council as its chairperson, and a
17 secretary shall be selected by the members of such council
18 from among their number, each to serve a term of one year.
19 However, an organizational meeting held by members elected to
20 a local school council under subsection (c-5) of Section
21 34-2.1 may be held no sooner than January 11, 2021 and no later
22 than January 31, 2021. Whenever a vacancy in the office of
23 chairperson or secretary of a local school council shall

1 occur, a new chairperson (who shall be a parent member) or
2 secretary, as the case may be, shall be elected by the members
3 of the local school council from among their number to serve as
4 such chairperson or secretary for the unexpired term of office
5 in which the vacancy occurs. At each annual organizational
6 meeting, the time and place of any regular meetings of the
7 local school council shall be fixed. Special meetings of the
8 local school council may be called by the chairperson or by any
9 4 members from an attendance center enrolling students up to
10 grade 8 or any 5 members from a secondary attendance center or
11 an attendance center enrolling students in grades 7 through
12 12, by giving notice thereof in writing, specifying the time,
13 place and purpose of the meeting. Public notice of meetings
14 shall also be given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

15 (b) Members and officers of the local school council shall
16 serve without compensation and without reimbursement of any
17 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, except
18 that the board of education may by rule establish a procedure
19 and thereunder provide for reimbursement of members and
20 officers of local school councils for such of their reasonable
21 and necessary expenses (excluding any lodging or meal
22 expenses) incurred in the performance of their duties as the
23 board may deem appropriate.

24 (c) A majority of the full membership of the local school
25 council shall constitute a quorum, except as provided in
26 subsection (c-5), and whenever a vote is taken on any measure

1 before the local school council, a quorum being present, the
2 affirmative vote of a majority of the votes of the full
3 membership then serving of the local school council shall
4 determine the outcome thereof; provided that whenever the
5 measure before the local school council is (i) the evaluation
6 of the principal, or (ii) the renewal of his or her performance
7 contract or the inclusion of any provision or modification of
8 the contract, or (iii) the direct selection by the local
9 school council of a new principal (including a new principal
10 to fill a vacancy) to serve under a 4 year performance
11 contract, or (iv) the determination of the names of candidates
12 to be submitted to the general superintendent for the position
13 of principal, the principal ~~and any student members of a local~~
14 ~~school council~~ shall not be counted for purposes of
15 determining whether a quorum is present to act on the measure
16 and shall have no vote thereon; and provided further that 8 7
17 affirmative votes of the local school council at attendance
18 centers enrolling students through grade 8 and 9 affirmative
19 votes of the local school council at secondary attendance
20 centers shall be required for the direct selection by the
21 local school council of a new principal to serve under a 4 year
22 performance contract but not for the renewal of a principal's
23 performance contract. Student members of a local school
24 council shall count toward a quorum on all measures brought
25 before the local school council.

26 (c-5) If the number of members serving on a local school

1 council at an attendance center enrolling students through the
2 8th grade falls below 7 members due to vacancies, then 4
3 serving members of whom at least 2 are parent or community
4 members of the local school council shall constitute a quorum
5 for the sole purpose of convening a meeting to fill vacancies
6 through appointments in accordance with the process set forth
7 in Section 34-2.1 of this Code. If the number of members
8 serving on a local school council at a secondary attendance
9 center falls below 8 members due to vacancies, then 5 serving
10 members of whom at least 2 are parent or community members of
11 the local school council shall constitute a quorum for the
12 sole purpose of convening a meeting to fill vacancies through
13 appointments in accordance with the process set forth in
14 Section 34-2.1 of this Code. For such purposes, the
15 affirmative vote of a majority of those present shall be
16 required to fill a vacancy through appointment by the local
17 school council.

18 (d) (Blank). ~~Student members shall not be eligible to vote~~
19 ~~on personnel matters, including but not limited to principal~~
20 ~~evaluations and contracts and the allocation of teaching and~~
21 ~~staff resources.~~

22 (e) The local school council of an attendance center which
23 provides bilingual education shall be encouraged to provide
24 translators at each council meeting to maximize participation
25 of parents and the community.

26 (f) Each local school council of an attendance center

1 which provides bilingual education shall create a Bilingual
2 Advisory Committee or recognize an existing Bilingual Advisory
3 Committee as a standing committee. The Chair and a majority of
4 the members of the advisory committee shall be parents of
5 students in the bilingual education program. The parents on
6 the advisory committee shall be selected by parents of
7 students in the bilingual education program, and the committee
8 shall select a Chair. The advisory committee for each
9 secondary attendance center shall include at least one
10 full-time bilingual education student. The Bilingual Advisory
11 Committee shall serve only in an advisory capacity to the
12 local school council.

13 (g) Local school councils may utilize the services of an
14 arbitration board to resolve intra-council disputes.

15 (Source: P.A. 101-643, eff. 6-18-20; 102-194, eff. 7-30-21;
16 102-296, eff. 8-6-21; 102-677, eff. 12-3-21.)