

1 AN ACT relating to superintendent screening committee membership.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 160.352 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) For purposes of this section the term "minority" means American Indian; Alaskan
5 native; African-American; Hispanic, including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican,
6 Cuban, and Central or South American origin; Pacific islander; or other ethnic
7 group underrepresented in a local school district.
- 8 (2) Each board of education shall appoint a superintendent of schools after receiving
9 the recommendations of a screening committee. A screening committee shall be
10 established within thirty (30) days of a determination by a board of education that a
11 vacancy has occurred or will occur in the office of superintendent, except that when
12 the board determines a vacancy will not occur before six (6) months from the date
13 of determination, the board shall establish a screening committee at least ninety (90)
14 days before the first date on which the position may be filled.
- 15 (3) A screening committee shall be composed of:
- 16 (a) Two (2) teachers, elected by the teachers in the district;
- 17 (b) One (1) board of education member, appointed by the board chairman;
- 18 (c) One (1) principal, elected by the principals in the district;
- 19 (d) One (1) parent, elected by the presidents of the parent-teacher organizations of
20 the schools in the district;
- 21 (e) One (1) classified employee, elected by the classified employees in the
22 district;~~and~~
- 23 (f) **One (1) member of the district's equity council, appointed by the board**
24 **chairman, if the district has an equity council; and**
- 25 (g) If a minority member is not elected or appointed to a screening committee in
26 districts with a minority population of eight percent (8%) or more, as
27 determined by the enrollment on the preceding October 1, the committee

1 membership shall be increased to include one (1) minority parent. This
2 minority parent member shall be elected by the parents in an election
3 conducted by the local school board. Parents in the district shall be given
4 adequate notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the election.

5 (4) **A local board of education may increase the screening committee membership to**
6 **include one (1) high school student enrolled in the school district, elected by his**
7 **or her peers in the district.**

8 (5) Prior to appointing a superintendent of schools, the board of education shall
9 consider the recommendations of the screening committee, but the board shall not
10 be required to appoint a superintendent from the committee's recommendations.