

1 AN ACT relating to superintendent screening committees.

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) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section,** a screening committee shall be
16 composed of:
- 17 (a) Two (2) teachers, elected by the teachers in the district;
- 18 (b) One (1) board of education member, appointed by the board chairman;
- 19 (c) One (1) principal, elected by the principals in the district;
- 20 (d) One (1) parent, elected by the presidents of the parent-teacher organizations of
21 the schools in the district;
- 22 (e) One (1) classified employee, elected by the classified employees in the
23 district; and
- 24 (f) If a minority member is not elected or appointed to a screening committee in
25 districts with a **student** minority population of eight percent (8%) or more, as
26 determined by the enrollment on the preceding October 1, the committee
27 membership shall be increased to include one (1) minority parent. This

1 minority parent member shall be elected by the parents in an election
2 conducted by the local school board. Parents in the district shall be given
3 adequate notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of the election.

4 (4) For a school district with a student minority population of fifty percent (50%) or
5 greater, a screening committee shall be composed of:

6 (a) Three (3) teachers, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of a minority
7 group, elected by the teachers employed in the district;

8 (b) One (1) board of education member, appointed by the board chairman;

9 (c) Two (2) principals, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of a minority
10 group, elected by the principals of schools in the district;

11 (d) Two (2) parents, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of a minority
12 group, elected by the presidents of the parent-teacher organizations of the
13 schools in the district; and

14 (e) Two (2) classified employees, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of
15 a minority group, elected by the classified employees in the district.

16 (f) If a minority principal representative is not available, a minority
17 administrator as defined in KRS 161.720 shall be elected by the
18 administrators in the district.

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