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Senate Bill No. 319

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The Committee on Children reported through SEN. MOORE, M. of the 22nd Dist. and SEN. SUZIO of the 13th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PARENT MEMBERS OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCILS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-223j
2 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

4 (b) (1) The school governance council for a high school shall consist
5 of (A) seven members who shall be [parents or guardians of students]
6 any parent or guardian of a student attending the school, regardless of
7 such parent or guardian's status as a public official, (B) two members
8 who shall be community leaders within the school district, (C) five
9 members who shall be teachers at the school, (D) one nonvoting
10 member who is the principal of the school, or his or her designee, and
11 (E) two nonvoting student members who shall be students at the
12 school. The parent or guardian members shall be elected by the parents
13 or guardians of students attending the school, provided, for purposes

14 of the election, each household with a student attending the school
 15 shall have one vote. The community leader members shall be elected
 16 by the parent or guardian members and teacher members of the school
 17 governance council. The teacher members shall be elected by the
 18 teachers of the school. The nonvoting student members shall be elected
 19 by the student body of the school.

20 (2) The school governance council for an elementary or a middle
 21 school shall consist of (A) seven members who shall be [parents or
 22 guardians of students] any parent or guardian of a student attending
 23 the school, regardless of such parent or guardian's status as a public
 24 official, (B) two members who shall be community leaders within the
 25 school district, (C) five members who shall be teachers at the school,
 26 and (D) one nonvoting member who is the principal of the school, or
 27 his or her designee. The parent or guardian members shall be elected
 28 by the parents or guardians of students attending the school, provided,
 29 for purposes of the election, each household with a student attending
 30 the school shall have one vote. The community leader members shall
 31 be elected by the parent or guardian members and teacher members of
 32 the school governance council. The teacher members shall be elected
 33 by the teachers of the school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	10-223j(b)(1) and (2)

KID *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact, as it makes clarifying changes to the membership of school governance councils.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 319****AN ACT CONCERNING PARENT MEMBERS OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCILS.****SUMMARY**

This bill specifies that elementary, middle, and high school governance councils can include parents or guardians who are public officials. Under existing law, school governance councils must include seven parents or guardians of students attending the school.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

BACKGROUND***School Governance Councils***

By law, school boards must establish school governance councils for certain schools based on student performance. Among other things, school governance councils (1) analyze school achievement data and school needs relative to the school's improvement plan, (2) assist the principal in making programmatic and operational changes for improving school achievement, and (3) participate in the hiring process for the school principal or other administrators (CGS § 10-223j).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/15/2018)