

HB 2211 -- EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCILS

SPONSOR: Curtis

This bill requires a state Community Education Council to be established to advise the Commissioner of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on issues relating to schools and educational opportunities that are important in individual communities within the state.

The Community of Education Council must consist of 21 individuals who must also be serving concurrently on community action councils. The method of appointment must be established by the department as specified in the bill.

A community action council must be established in each school district located in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The community action council must consist of volunteer members that will be responsible for developing a strategic plan for educational success within their communities. Each community action council must report its findings and plans for action to the department on an annual basis.

The community action councils must improve local quality education by:

- (1) Informing parents and community members about the performance and utilization of schools in their neighborhood and the priorities of the community action council;
- (2) Engaging community stakeholders in developing strategies to improve schools through regular meetings, subcommittees, and community dialogues;
- (3) Devising a strategic plan to improve their communities' educational opportunities; and
- (4) Providing guidance in developing and recommending a community vision for improved schools and ensure that students graduate prepared for success in college and career.