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House Bill 4947 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative John Gleason
House Committee: Education
Senate Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to do the following:

- Establish a procedure for the designation of a school district's representative to the body electing intermediate school board members.**
- Require a school board to direct its representative to vote for a specific candidate.**
- Require the meeting of the electoral body to be an open meeting as prescribed by the Open Meetings Act.**

Under the Code, intermediate school district (ISD) board members are elected biennially by a body composed of one member of each constituent school district. The members are designated by the board of each constituent district. Under the bill, the board of a constituent school district would have to designate its representative to the electoral body by resolution, adopted at least 21 days before the ISD board election. The resolution also would have to identify the candidate the board supported for each position to be filled on the ISD board, and direct its representative to vote for that person, at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

The constituent district board would have to consider the resolution at not fewer than two public meetings before adopting it. The resolution would have to be adopted by majority vote of the members serving on the board.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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