

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## EHB 1177

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*Synopsis As Enacted*

**Brief Description:** Clarifying school district boards of directors' responsibilities.

By Representatives Holland, Leonard, Peery, Brough, Jones and Winsley.

House Committee on Education  
Senate Committee on Education

**Background:** Each school board has the authority and the responsibility to set policies regarding the content and extent of the educational program offered.

School boards have a specific list of responsibilities. In listing the school board responsibilities, statute recites that "it shall be the responsibility of each common school district board of directors, acting through its respective administrative staff, to" (underline added) perform the specified responsibilities. There has been litigation over the division of responsibilities between a school board and its administrative staff.

**Summary:** The phrase "acting through its respective administrative staff" is deleted, and the school board is required to adopt policies with respect to each of its listed responsibilities.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	45	0

**Effective:** July 28, 1991