§ 4601. Advisory councils. 1. The board of education of each school district and of each board of cooperative educational services maintaining an approved career education program shall appoint an advisory council for career education consisting of at least ten members. The membership shall include, but not be limited to, persons:

a. Familiar with the vocational needs and problems of management and labor in the region.

b. Familiar with programs of career education at the postsecondary and adult levels.

c. Familiar with the manpower needs and requirements of the region to be served.

d. Familiar with the special educational needs of the physically and mentally handicapped.

e. Representative of community interests, including persons familiar with the special needs of the population to be served.

f. A student who is participating in a career education program at the school district or board of cooperative educational services district being served by the advisory council.

2. It shall be the duty of such advisory council for career education to advise the board of education or board of cooperative education on the development of and policy matters arising in the administration of career education, including the preparation of long-range and annual program plans submitted to the commissioner of education, and assist with an annual evaluation of career education programs, services and activities provided by the school district or board of cooperative education.

3. Advisory councils may appoint consultant committees representative of specific occupational fields to assist in the work of the council and the board of education or board of cooperative education with respect to

the planning, development and requirements for establishment of new programs or evaluation and revision of existing programs.

4. The board of education of any school district or the board of cooperative educational services may employ such professional, technical and clerical personnel as may be necessary to enable the advisory council to carry out its functions specified in this section.