388.1009a Special education advisory committee; creation; appointment and terms of members; ex officio members; chairperson; expenses; duty.

Sec. 9a. The special education advisory committee is created in the department of education and shall consist of not less than 9 and not more than 33 members appointed by the state board of education for terms of 3 years. The person within the department directly responsible for special education programs and other persons as appointed by the committee to represent other departments, agencies, and 4-year colleges and universities, upon consultation with those departments, agencies, and colleges and universities, shall be ex officio members of the committee. Each year the committee shall elect a chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary. Members of the committee may be reimbursed, to the extent provided by the state board, for expenses incurred in performing their functions. The committee shall act as an adviser to the state board of education in the field of special education.