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**HOUSE BILL 11-1126**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARENT**  
102 **INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill requires each school district board of education (district board) to adopt a parent involvement policy that will apply to each of the public schools of the school district. The policy must at least take into account best practices and strategies and the national standards for family-school partnerships. The district board must work with the parent

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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members of the district accountability committee in creating, adopting, and implementing the policy. A district board may choose from several programs or strategies, but, at a minimum, the policy must ensure that, if a school performs at improvement plan or lower status, parents receive notice of the type of plan the school must adopt and have an opportunity to review and comment on the plan at a public hearing. The district board annually will review and revise the policy as necessary.

Each school of the school district will adopt a school parent involvement policy that implements the district policy. The principal of the school must work with the parent members of the school accountability committee in creating and implementing the policy, and the principal annually will review and revise the policy as necessary.

Each parent involvement policy and all communications between a school and parents are to be written in plain, easily understood language and provided in a language the parents understand, if practicable. Upon final adoption of the parent involvement policy, the school district must publicize it to the employees of the school district and to the parents of students enrolled in the school district.

If a school of the school district is required to adopt an improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan, the principal or the district board must notify parents of the requirement to adopt the plan and the timeline for developing and adopting the plan. Prior to finally adopting the plan, the district board must hold a public hearing to review the plan. So long as a school of the school district continues to operate under an improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan, the district board must hold an annual public meeting to discuss the school's plan and progress.

Each district board may solicit and accept public or private gifts, grants, or donations to implement the parent involvement programs created by the policy.

The state charter school institute (institute) must adopt a comparable parent involvement policy for institute charter schools and comply with the notice and public hearing requirements for institute charter schools that implement improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plans. Each institute charter school must adopt a parent involvement policy that implements the institute policy. The institute may solicit, accept, and expend public or private gifts, grants, or donations to implement the parent involvement programs created by the policy.

The bill makes conforming amendments.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 32 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is

1 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

2 **22-32-142. Parent involvement - policy - communications -**  
3 **incentives.** (1) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION IS  
4 ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT A DISTRICT POLICY FOR INCREASING AND  
5 SUPPORTING PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE  
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN ADOPTING THE POLICY, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
7 MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BEST  
8 PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-304  
9 BY THE COLORADO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
10 IN EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL  
11 PARTNERSHIPS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-7-302 (5). THE BOARD OF  
12 EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED TO WORK WITH THE PARENT MEMBERS OF THE  
13 DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE IN CREATING, ADOPTING, AND  
14 IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY.

15 [REDACTED]

16 (2) IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
17 22-11-210, DETERMINES THAT A SCHOOL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS  
18 REQUIRED TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS  
19 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-404, A SCHOOL PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT  
20 PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-405, OR A SCHOOL TURNAROUND  
21 PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-406, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WITHIN  
22 THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE OF THE DETERMINATION,  
23 SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL  
24 OF THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
25 OF EDUCATION AS GIVING RISE TO THE NEED FOR THE REQUIRED PLAN. THE  
26 NOTICE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING AND  
27 ADOPTING THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A

1 PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR THE DISTRICT BOARD  
2 OF EDUCATION, WHICHEVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADOPTING THE PLAN, TO  
3 REVIEW THE REQUIRED PLAN PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION. AT THE PUBLIC  
4 HEARING, THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
5 SHALL ALSO REVIEW THE SCHOOL'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING ITS PLAN  
6 FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND IN IMPROVING ITS PERFORMANCE. THE  
7 DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS AFTER  
8 THE DATE ON WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDES THE WRITTEN  
9 NOTICE.


10 [REDACTED]  
11 (3) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY SOLICIT  
12 AND ACCEPT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO  
13 IMPLEMENT ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS  
14 IMPLEMENTED UNDER A POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

15 [REDACTED]  
16 **SECTION 2.** Part 5 of article 30.5 of title 22, Colorado Revised  
17 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
18 read:

19 **22-30.5-520. Parent involvement - policy - communications -**  
20 **incentives.** (1) THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD IS  
21 ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR INCREASING AND SUPPORTING  
22 PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS. IN ADOPTING  
23 THE POLICY, THE INSTITUTE BOARD MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, BUT NEED  
24 NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED  
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-304 BY THE COLORADO STATE ADVISORY  
26 COUNCIL FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL  
27 STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION

1 22-7-302 (5).

2 (2) IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
3 22-11-210, DETERMINES THAT AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS  
4 REQUIRED TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS  
5 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-404, A SCHOOL PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT  
6 PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-405, OR A SCHOOL TURNAROUND  
7 PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-406, THE INSTITUTE CHARTER  
8 SCHOOL, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE OF THE  
9 DETERMINATION, SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS  
10 ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE ISSUES  
11 IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS GIVING RISE TO THE  
12 NEED FOR THE REQUIRED PLAN. THE NOTICE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE  
13 TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING AND ADOPTING THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE  
14 DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE  
15 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL OR THE INSTITUTE, WHICHEVER IS  
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR ADOPTING THE PLAN, TO REVIEW THE REQUIRED PLAN  
17 PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION. AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE INSTITUTE  
18 CHARTER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR THE INSTITUTE SHALL ALSO REVIEW THE  
19 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING ITS PLAN FOR  
20 THE PRECEDING YEAR AND IN IMPROVING ITS PERFORMANCE. THE DATE OF  
21 THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE  
22 ON WHICH THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL PROVIDES THE WRITTEN  
23 NOTICE.

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25 (3) THE INSTITUTE BOARD MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND  
26 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO IMPLEMENT ALL OR  
27 A PORTION OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED

1 UNDER A POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

2 **SECTION 3.** 22-11-404 (1) (b) and (2) (b), Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, are amended to read:

4 **22-11-404. School improvement plan - contents.** (1) (b) The  
5 school accountability committee for the district public school shall advise  
6 the principal concerning preparation of the school improvement plan and  
7 shall make recommendations to the principal concerning the contents of  
8 the school improvement plan. The principal, with the approval of the  
9 superintendent or his or her designee, shall create and adopt the school  
10 improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations  
11 of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL  
12 IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE PRINCIPAL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO  
13 REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142 (2).

14 (2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute  
15 charter school shall advise the principal concerning preparation of the  
16 school improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the  
17 principal concerning the contents of the school improvement plan. The  
18 principal shall create and adopt the school improvement plan, taking into  
19 account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability  
20 committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE  
21 PRINCIPAL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS  
22 REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-30.5-520 (2).

23 **SECTION 4.** 22-11-405 (1) (b) and (2) (b), Colorado Revised  
24 Statutes, are amended to read:

25 **22-11-405. School priority improvement plan - contents.**  
26 (1) (b) The school accountability committee for the district public school  
27 shall advise the local school board concerning preparation of the school

1 priority improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the local  
2 school board concerning the contents of the school priority improvement  
3 plan. The local school board shall create and adopt the school priority  
4 improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations  
5 of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL  
6 PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HOLD A  
7 PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142  
8 (2).

9 (2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute  
10 charter school shall advise the institute concerning preparation of the  
11 school priority improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the  
12 institute concerning the contents of the school priority improvement plan.  
13 The institute shall create and adopt the school priority improvement plan,  
14 taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school  
15 accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL PRIORITY  
16 IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE INSTITUTE SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO  
17 REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-30.5-520 (2).

18 **SECTION 5.** 22-11-406 (1) (b) and (2) (b), Colorado Revised  
19 Statutes, are amended to read:

20 **22-11-406. School turnaround plan - contents.** (1) (b) The  
21 school accountability committee for the district public school shall advise  
22 the local school board concerning preparation of the school turnaround  
23 plan and shall make recommendations to the local school board  
24 concerning the contents of the school turnaround plan. The local school  
25 board shall create and adopt the school turnaround plan, taking into  
26 account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability  
27 committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL TURNAROUND PLAN, THE

1 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE  
2 PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142 (2).

3 (2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute  
4 charter school shall advise the institute concerning preparation of the  
5 school turnaround plan and shall make recommendations to the institute  
6 concerning the contents of the school turnaround plan. The institute shall  
7 create and adopt the school turnaround plan, taking into account the  
8 advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee.

9 PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL TURNAROUND PLAN, THE INSTITUTE  
10 SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN  
11 SECTION 22-30.5-520 (2).

12 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
13 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
15 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a  
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
20 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
21 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.