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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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.

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 INITIAL NOTICE OF THE
23 DETERMINATION OR, IF THE DETERMINATION IS APPEALED , THE FINAL
24 NOTICE OF THE DETERMINATION, SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENTS OF THE
25 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE
26 ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS GIVING RISE TO
27 THE NEED FOR THE REQUIRED PLAN. THE NOTICE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE

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

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

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

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

1 STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
2 22-7-302 (5).

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

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27 (3) THE INSTITUTE BOARD MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND

1 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO IMPLEMENT ALL OR
2 A PORTION OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED
3 UNDER A POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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

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

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

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

27 **22-11-405. School priority improvement plan - contents.**

1 (1) (b) The school accountability committee for the district public school
2 shall advise the local school board concerning preparation of the school
3 priority improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the local
4 school board concerning the contents of the school priority improvement
5 plan. The local school board shall create and adopt the school priority
6 improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations
7 of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL
8 PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HOLD A
9 PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142
10 (2).

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

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

22 **22-11-406. School turnaround plan - contents.** (1) (b) The
23 school accountability committee for the district public school shall advise
24 the local school board concerning preparation of the school turnaround
25 plan and shall make recommendations to the local school board
26 concerning the contents of the school turnaround plan. The local school
27 board shall create and adopt the school turnaround plan, taking into

1 account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability
2 committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL TURNAROUND PLAN, THE
3 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE
4 PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142 (2).

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

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