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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; directing local school boards to adopt and implement
1.3 a parent and family involvement policy; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[124D.8955] PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY.**

1.7 (a) In order to promote and support student achievement, a local school board must
1.8 formally adopt and implement a parent and family involvement policy that ensures:

1.9 (1) communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful;

1.10 (2) parenting skills are promoted and supported;

1.11 (3) parents and caregivers play an integral role in assisting student learning and learn
1.12 about fostering students' academic success and learning at home and school;

1.13 (4) parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought;

1.14 (5) parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families in
1.15 the schools; and

1.16 (6) community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student
1.17 learning.

1.18 (b) The school board must convene an advisory committee composed of an equal
1.19 number of resident parents who are not district employees and school staff to make
1.20 recommendations to the board on developing and evaluating the board's parent and family
1.21 involvement policy. The advisory committee must consider the district's demographic
1.22 diversity and barriers to parent involvement when developing its recommendations.

1.23 The advisory committee must present its recommendations to the board for board
1.24 consideration.

2.1 (c) The board must use best practices when implementing this policy.

2.2 (d) The board periodically must review this policy to determine whether it is aligned
2.3 with the most current research findings on parent involvement policies and practices and
2.4 how effective the policy is in supporting increased student achievement.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2007-2008 school year and
2.6 later.