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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the creation of parental and family  
2 involvement policies in Iowa's public schools.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code 1995, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 21. Adopt by July 1, 1996, a parental and  
4 family involvement policy which will facilitate, emphasize,  
5 and encourage involvement by parents, guardians, and legal  
6 custodians with the education of their children.

7 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, Code 1995, is amended by adding the  
8 following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 50. Carry out the parental and family  
10 involvement policy established by the state board of education  
11 under section 256.7, subsection 21, and assist school  
12 districts in the development of their parental and family  
13 involvement policy under section 280.12A.

14 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 279.58 PARENTAL AND FAMILY  
15 INVOLVEMENT POLICY.

16 For the purpose of improving student achievement, the board  
17 of directors of each school district shall adopt by July 1,  
18 1997, a parental and family involvement policy with the intent  
19 that the school district facilitate, emphasize, and encourage  
20 involvement by parents, guardians, and legal custodians with  
21 the education of their children.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill adds to the list of duties of the state board of  
24 education and the director of the department of education by  
25 requiring the state board to adopt a policy by July 1, 1996,  
26 to facilitate parental involvement with the schools and by  
27 requiring the director to carry out the policy of the state  
28 board and to assist school districts in developing their  
29 policies. The bill requires each school district to adopt a  
30 parental and family involvement policy by July 1, 1997.

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