

House File 119

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the board of directors of a school district to
2 adopt a parent and guardian involvement policy.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1928HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.65 PARENT AND GUARDIAN
1 2 INVOLVEMENT POLICY.
1 3 1. The board of directors of each school district shall
1 4 adopt a parent and guardian involvement policy that meets, at
1 5 a minimum, the following criteria:
1 6 a. Ensures that communication between home and school is
1 7 regular, two-way, and meaningful.
1 8 b. Promotes and supports parenting skills.
1 9 c. Recognizes and supports the integral role parents and
1 10 guardians play in assisting student learning.
1 11 d. Welcomes parents and guardians in school and seeks
1 12 their support and assistance.
1 13 e. Makes parents and guardians full partners in the
1 14 decisions that affect children and families.
1 15 f. Utilizes community collaborations productively and
1 16 community resources prolifically to strengthen schools,
1 17 families, and student learning.
1 18 2. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 shall be
1 19 published in the student handbook and, if the school district
1 20 or its attendance centers maintain a website, on the school
1 21 district or attendance center website.

EXPLANATION

1 22 This bill requires the board of directors of each school
1 23 district to adopt a parent and guardian involvement policy
1 24 that, at a minimum, does all of the following: ensures that
1 25 communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and
1 26 meaningful; promotes and supports parenting skills; recognizes
1 27 and supports the integral role parents and guardians play in
1 28 assisting student learning; welcomes parents and guardians in
1 29 school and seeks their support and assistance; makes parents
1 30 and guardians full partners in the decisions that affect
1 31 children and families; and utilizes community collaborations
1 32 productively and community resources prolifically to
1 33 strengthen schools, families, and student learning. The
1 34 school district must publish the policy in the student
2 1 handbook and on websites maintained by the school district or
2 2 its attendance centers.
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