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SCHOOL-PARENT COMMUNICATION

House Bill 4102

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4102 AS INTRODUCED 1-28-99

House Bill 4102 would amend the Revised School Code to require school districts to recognize and honor certain rights of parents and legal guardians. Under the bill, four rights are specified:

- *to be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission;
- * to receive the results of their child's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests and to receive information on the performance of the class in which their child is enrolled as well as the performance of the school that their child attends on standardized and statewide tests;
- * to request a particular school or teacher for their child (although the granting of the request is not guaranteed); and,
- *to have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning.

Further, under the bill, unless the student is at least 18 years old (or an emancipated minor), the school district board would be required to ensure that all communications and reports about the student's academic performance, attendance, or school discipline be made to a student's parent or legal guardian.

To facilitate parental rights and parental involvement at school, House Bill 4102 also would require a school district to hold a public hearing at least biennially (once in two years) to discuss parental involvement activities and policies, and according to the bill that meeting could take place at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

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