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Senate Bill 307 (Substitute S-2)
Sponsor: Senator Nancy Cassis
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require a school board (or a board of directors, in the case of a public school academy) to adopt and implement, by the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year, a parent involvement plan designed to encourage parental participation.

The board or board of directors would have to provide a copy of the plan to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil. The board could meet this requirement by including the policy in its student handbook or a similar publication distributed to all pupils and parents. Upon request of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the board would have to provide a copy of the plan to the Department. The Department would have to review parental involvement practices that had been implemented by public schools in the State and elsewhere, and post on the MDE website information about successful parental involvement policies and practices.

Proposed MCL 380.1294

Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. Though there could be a small cost in the printing and distribution of the plan to all parents and legal guardians, the cost should be minimal. There are currently nearly 1.7 million pupils statewide and if cost were 0.5 cent per copy of a one-page plan, the total cost statewide for printing and distribution would be \$8,500.

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