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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The federal law referred to in this legislation is concerned with at-risk children and the need to involve their parents in working with school staff to support and improve the children's academic achievement. The proposed legislation establishes a two-year pilot project in which participating school districts form parent-teacher committees to review and report on meaningful parent involvement activities at the district and school levels.

### Section

#### **1 Pilot project for review of parental involvement programs.**

**Subd. 1. Parental review policy.** Permits school boards, with the participation of a parent involvement review committee described in subdivision 2, to implement a two-year pilot project to develop a parental involvement policy consistent with federal law to help disadvantaged children meet high standards.

**Subd. 2. Parent involvement review committee.** Requires a school board to establish a district parent involvement review committee composed of teachers and parents and allows a school to do so, consistent with federal law, to evaluate specific local programs and strategies to involve parents in meaningful ways in the educational process. Requires at least two-thirds of a committee board to be parents of enrolled students. Requires school districts to assist such committees.

**Subd. 3. Notification of participation.** Requires participating school districts to notify the commissioner. Requires the commissioner to assist districts, upon request, to develop and implement a district or school committee.

**Subd. 4. Report.** Requires district and school committees to report on the effectiveness of local parental involvement programs to the school board and make annual recommendations by March 1. Directs the school board to develop a standard reporting form for the committees. Directs the school board to report the committees' to the commissioner.

Makes this section effective immediately and applicable for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years.