

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

One of the stated objectives for public education found in Chapter 4, Education Code, is for parents to be full partners in the education of their children. Although state law requires that each public school campus have a campus-level decision-making committee which should include parent members, these committees have shown mixed results in promoting parental involvement. This bill would provide for each district campus' improvement plan to include a program to encourage parental involvement at the campus and gives the commissioner of education the authority to order the preparation of a report regarding parental involvement at the campus, as well as a plan outlining strategies for improvement of this plan.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1104 sets forth guidelines for parental involvement in public schools.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11.253(d), Education Code, to require each campus improvement plan to provide for a program to encourage parental involvement at the campus. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 39.131(b), Education Code, to authorize the commissioner of education (commissioner) to order the preparation of a report regarding a parental involvement program at a campus and a plan describing strategies for improving parental involvement at the campus. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999 - 2000 school year.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.