

## CHAPTER 118

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**


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**HOUSE BILL 11-1126**

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also SENATOR(S) Hudak.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** Article 32 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**22-32-142. Parent involvement - policy - communications - incentives.**

(1) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT A DISTRICT POLICY FOR INCREASING AND SUPPORTING PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN ADOPTING THE POLICY, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-304 BY THE COLORADO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-7-302 (5). THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED TO WORK WITH THE PARENT MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE IN CREATING, ADOPTING, AND IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY.

(2) IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-11-210, DETERMINES THAT A SCHOOL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-404, A SCHOOL PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-405, OR A SCHOOL TURNAROUND PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-406, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE INITIAL NOTICE OF THE DETERMINATION OR, IF THE DETERMINATION IS APPEALED, THE FINAL NOTICE OF THE DETERMINATION, SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

OF EDUCATION AS GIVING RISE TO THE NEED FOR THE REQUIRED PLAN. THE NOTICE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING AND ADOPTING THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, WHICHEVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADOPTING THE PLAN, TO REVIEW THE REQUIRED PLAN PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION. AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ALSO REVIEW THE SCHOOL'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING ITS PLAN FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND IN IMPROVING ITS PERFORMANCE. THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDES THE WRITTEN NOTICE.

(3) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY SOLICIT AND ACCEPT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO IMPLEMENT ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED UNDER A POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 2.** Part 5 of article 30.5 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**22-30.5-520. Parent involvement - policy - communications - incentives.**

(1) THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD IS ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR INCREASING AND SUPPORTING PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS. IN ADOPTING THE POLICY, THE INSTITUTE BOARD MAY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-304 BY THE COLORADO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND THE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-7-302 (5).

(2) IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-11-210, DETERMINES THAT AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-404, A SCHOOL PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-405, OR A SCHOOL TURNAROUND PLAN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-406, THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE INITIAL NOTICE OF THE DETERMINATION OR, IF THE DETERMINATION IS APPEALED, THE FINAL NOTICE OF THE DETERMINATION, SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS GIVING RISE TO THE NEED FOR THE REQUIRED PLAN. THE NOTICE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING AND ADOPTING THE REQUIRED PLAN AND THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL OR THE INSTITUTE, WHICHEVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADOPTING THE PLAN, TO REVIEW THE REQUIRED PLAN PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION. AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR THE INSTITUTE SHALL ALSO REVIEW THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING ITS PLAN FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR AND IN IMPROVING ITS PERFORMANCE. THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL PROVIDES THE WRITTEN NOTICE.

(3) THE INSTITUTE BOARD MAY SOLICIT, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO IMPLEMENT ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PARENT

INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED UNDER A POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 3.** 22-11-404 (1) (b) and (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**22-11-404. School improvement plan - contents.** (1) (b) The school accountability committee for the district public school shall advise the principal concerning preparation of the school improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the principal concerning the contents of the school improvement plan. The principal, with the approval of the superintendent or his or her designee, shall create and adopt the school improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE PRINCIPAL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142 (2).

(2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute charter school shall advise the principal concerning preparation of the school improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the principal concerning the contents of the school improvement plan. The principal shall create and adopt the school improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE PRINCIPAL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-30.5-520 (2).

**SECTION 4.** 22-11-405 (1) (b) and (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**22-11-405. School priority improvement plan - contents.** (1) (b) The school accountability committee for the district public school shall advise the local school board concerning preparation of the school priority improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the local school board concerning the contents of the school priority improvement plan. The local school board shall create and adopt the school priority improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142 (2).

(2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute charter school shall advise the institute concerning preparation of the school priority improvement plan and shall make recommendations to the institute concerning the contents of the school priority improvement plan. The institute shall create and adopt the school priority improvement plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE INSTITUTE SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-30.5-520 (2).

**SECTION 5.** 22-11-406 (1) (b) and (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**22-11-406. School turnaround plan - contents.** (1) (b) The school

accountability committee for the district public school shall advise the local school board concerning preparation of the school turnaround plan and shall make recommendations to the local school board concerning the contents of the school turnaround plan. The local school board shall create and adopt the school turnaround plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL TURNAROUND PLAN, THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-32-142 (2).

(2) (b) The school accountability committee for the institute charter school shall advise the institute concerning preparation of the school turnaround plan and shall make recommendations to the institute concerning the contents of the school turnaround plan. The institute shall create and adopt the school turnaround plan, taking into account the advice and recommendations of the school accountability committee. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE SCHOOL TURNAROUND PLAN, THE INSTITUTE SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22-30.5-520 (2).

**SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 20, 2011