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PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

House Bill 5650

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Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5650 AS INTRODUCED 4-18-00

House Bill 5650 would amend the Revised School Code to require the Department of Education, with the advice and consent of the State Board, to establish a parent involvement and community empowerment initiative.

Under the bill, the initiative would do the following:

- provide assistance to school districts, intermediate school districts, and individual schools in their efforts to enhance parent and family involvement in education;
- encourage voluntary parenting education programs;
- promote adult and family literacy, which contributes to the overall improvement of educational and workplace skills for children and families;
- plan with other public, community, civic, and business organizations to foster successful transitions from school-to-work or other postsecondary options;
- identify policies that enable local communities to coordinate resources that serve the needs of pupils and families; and
- ensure the availability of a parent advocate in each school district.

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