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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the appointment of community advisory
2 committees by the board of directors of each public school
3 district and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic
4 school.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.12A COMMUNITY ADVISORY
2 COMMITTEE.

3 1. The board of directors of each public school district
4 and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall
5 appoint a community advisory committee, which shall be
6 responsible to the board or the authorities in charge and
7 shall cooperate with and assist the board or the authorities
8 in charge to do the following:

9 a. Determine opportunities to build stronger partnerships
10 between the schools and minority and low-income families.

11 b. Develop methods to eliminate the achievement gap
12 between the general school population and minority and low-
13 income students.

14 c. Identify strategies to expand early childhood
15 educational opportunities for children from birth to four
16 years of age.

17 d. Establish or expand youth development programs and
18 after-school and summer school programming that provide
19 tutoring and mentoring activities.

20 e. Develop methods for improving communication between
21 schools, families, and community service organizations and for
22 maintaining minority and low-income family connections to
23 their school.

24 2. The advisory committee membership shall consist of
25 students, parents, teachers, administrators, representatives
26 of business and labor, and other representatives from the
27 local community. To the extent possible, committee membership
28 shall be broadly representative of the minority populations in
29 the community and balanced with regard to ethnicity, gender,
30 income level, and disability.

31 3. The committee shall submit any recommendations in a
32 report to the board or the authorities in charge at least once
33 each year.

34 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
35 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring

1 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
2 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
3 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
4 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
5 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
6 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
7 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
8 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill directs the board of directors of each public
11 school district and the authorities in charge of each
12 nonpublic school to provide for the selection of a community
13 advisory committee that will be responsible to the board or
14 the authorities and must cooperate with and assist the board
15 or the authorities to build stronger partnerships between the
16 schools and minority and low-income families, eliminate the
17 achievement gap between the general school population and
18 minority and low-income students, expand early childhood
19 educational opportunities, establish or expand youth
20 development programs and after-school and summer school
21 programming, and improve communication between schools,
22 families, and community service organizations to keep minority
23 and low-income families connected to their school.

24 Committee membership consists of students, parents,
25 teachers, administrators, representatives of business and
26 labor, and other representatives from the local community, and
27 to the extent possible, must be broadly representative of the
28 minority populations in the community and balanced with regard
29 to ethnicity, gender, income level, and disability.

30 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
31 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
32 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
33 district from state school foundation aid received by the
34 school district under section 257.16. The specification is
35 deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate

1 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
2 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
3 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
4 mandates included in the bill.

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