

SB 480 -- PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

This bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt a policy by December 1, 2005, that encourages effective family involvement in education. The policy will apply when the state board interacts with school districts, parents, and members of the general public. The state board will consult with local districts to assist in the development of similar district policies, which must be adopted no later than March 1, 2006. Both the state board and local school boards' policies must promote, among other goals, communication, support and recognition of the role parents play, and inclusion of parents as full partners in educational decision-making. These policies must be reviewed at least once a year.