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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The proposed legislation establishes a two-year pilot project in which participating school districts organize parent-teacher committees to evaluate parent involvement activities at the district and school levels.

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#### **1 Pilot project to evaluate parental involvement policies and strategies.**

**Subd. 1. District and school site policy evaluation.** Permits school boards, with the participation of a parent involvement review committee, to implement a two-year pilot project to evaluate parental involvement policies and strategies.

**Subd. 2. Parent involvement review committees.** Directs a participating school board and interested school sites to allow parent involvement review committee(s) composed of teachers and parents to evaluate the ability of parental involvement programs and strategies to involve parents in meaningful ways in the educational process. Requires a majority of the committee board to be parents of enrolled students. Requires school districts to assist school site committees.

**Subd. 3. Notification of participation; notice to parents.** Requires participating school districts to notify the commissioner. Allows the commissioner to assist districts, upon request, to develop and implement a district or school committee.

**Subd. 4. Report.** Requires district and school committees to report on the effectiveness of local parental involvement programs to the school board and make

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annual recommendations by March 1. Directs the school board to transmit a summary of findings and recommendations to the commissioner, who may use the information to modify guidelines and model plans.

Makes this section effective immediately and applicable for the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years.