

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SM 87

51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013

Tracking Number: .193672.1

Short Title: School Parent Engagement Office

Sponsor(s): Senator Michael S. Sanchez

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Bill Summary:

SM 87 encourages the Public Education Department to study the feasibility of establishing a parent engagement office to:

- maximize parental involvement in public schools;
- collect data on parental involvement;
- review and monitor district parental involvement policies and implementation plans;
- develop corrective action plans regarding family engagement;
- advise school districts on integrating activities that will encourage parental involvement; and
- collect data about family involvement in school activities in order to determine which activities need more parental involvement.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

Substantive Issues:

SM 87 notes that research over the past 10 years indicates that students whose parents are involved in their education are more likely to:

- earn higher grades, achieve higher test scores, and enroll in more challenging programs;
- pass their classes and be promoted to the next grade;
- attend school regularly;
- have better social skills, exhibit better behavior, and adapt well to school; and
- graduate and go on to postsecondary education.

Committee Referrals:

SRC/SEC

Related Bills:

None as of 3/6/2013.