

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 1161

Approved by the Governor April 19, 1994

Introduced by Withem, 14

AN ACT relating to schools and school districts; to state intent; and to require adoption and review of policies relating to parental involvement in educational practices as prescribed.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares:

- (1) That parental involvement is a key factor in the education of children;
- (2) That parents need to be informed of the educational practices affecting their children; and
- (3) That public schools should foster and facilitate parental information about and involvement in educational practices affecting their children.

It is the intent of the Legislature, through the enactment of sections 2 to 4 of this act, to strengthen the level of parental involvement and participation in the public school system of the state.

Sec. 2. On or before July 1, 1995, each public school district in the state shall develop and adopt a policy stating how the district will seek to involve parents in the schools and what parents' rights shall be relating to access to the schools, testing information, and curriculum matters.

Sec. 3. The policy required by section 2 of this act shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) How the school district will provide access to parents concerning textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials used in the school district;
- (2) How the school district will handle requests by parents to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities;
- (3) Under what circumstances parents may ask that their children be excused from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences the parents may find objectionable;
- (4) How the school district will provide access to records of students;
- (5) What the school district's testing policy will be; and
- (6) How the school district participates in surveys of students and the right of parents to remove their children from such surveys.

Sec. 4. The policy required by section 2 of this act shall be developed with parental input and shall be the subject of a public hearing before the board of education of the school district before adoption by the board. The policy shall be reviewed annually and either altered and adopted as altered or reaffirmed by the board following a public hearing.