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## DIGEST

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HB No. 214

**Abstract:** Provides relative to increasing parental involvement in public elementary and secondary schools.

Proposed law provides the following relative to increasing parental involvement in public schools:

- (1) Authorizes and encourages each public school governing authority to partner with individuals, community and faith-based groups and organizations, and nonprofit and for-profit entities to design and implement programs designed to increase parental involvement in children's education and schools.
- (2) Authorizes each public school governing authority to:
  - (a) Identify and encourage participation in parenting classes that are designed to increase parental involvement, are provided at low or no cost to parents, and that provide parents with information and skills related to improving student performance. Proposed law provides suggested content for such classes.
  - (b) Provide recognition to schools and classes in which a high percentage of parents participate in parenting classes by soliciting donations to fund rewards such as equipment and supplies and field trips and other educational activities and devise other ways of providing recognition to schools, classes, and participating parents.
- (3) Requires public school governing authorities to encourage and provide opportunities for any parents who participate in parenting classes to encourage participation by other parents.
- (4) Authorizes public school governing authorities and the state Dept. of Education to identify available funding sources that may be used to provide for such classes.

(Adds R.S. 17:406.8)