

**HB 3185 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 04/05/17  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 6-1-2-0  
**Yeas:** 6 - Doherty, Hernandez, McLain, Sollman, Vial, Wilson  
**Nays:** 1 - Parrish  
**Exc:** 2 - Evans, Sprenger  
**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Task Force on Family Engagement in Education (Task Force) for the purpose of increasing family engagement in education of students in grades prekindergarden through grade 12 and postsecondary education. Establishes Task Force membership, including member of Senate, member of the House of Representatives, and requires the Governor appoint members from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Chief Education Office, and other agencies and members of the public with specific backgrounds. Establishes evaluation methods for task force: examining existing programs in the state for increasing family engagement, examining successful programs in other states, identifying best practices for improving existing programs to increase family engagement, identifying legislative changes to improve existing programs, and identifying best practices for engaging parents of first generation students. Requires a report be submitted to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018. Requires ODE to staff task force, and provide reimbursement for some or all the members who are parents from low-income families. Establishes meeting requirements and procedures for Task Force. Repeals Task Force on December 31, 2018, and becomes effective 91st day after the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Focus on underrepresentation of communities of color and use of family engagement
- Correlation between family engagement and increasing graduation rates
- Correlation between family engagement and decreasing absenteeism
- Need to find programs that work to improve parental engagement and target first generation students

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

The United States Department of Education published a report on the Dual Capacity Framework for Family-School Partnerships, which links family engagement to student outcomes. The report indicates that family engagement is becoming an integral part of education reform efforts, and thirty-nine states have enacted laws calling for the implementation of family engagement policies. Family ties to education have a positive systematic and sustained effect on learning outcomes for children.

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House Bill 3185-A establishes a Task Force on Family Engagement in Education (Task Force) to evaluate methods for increasing family engagement in education for students in prekindergarden through grade 12 and postsecondary education. The Task Force assigns emphasis on students in culturally diverse families, low income families, non-English speaking and rural families. The Task Force will work to examine successful programs in the State of Oregon and identify best practices in increasing family engagement.