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## Education Committee

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### HB 2217

**Brief Description:** Encouraging school districts to work with community partners to improve the utilization of K-12 capital facilities.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Zeiger, Sawyer, Dahlquist, Haigh, Haler and Bergquist.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the name of a staff allocation in the prototypical school funding model from "Parent Involvement Coordinator" to "Family and Community Engagement Coordinator" (FCEC).
- Encourages school districts to use FCECs to coordinate partnerships between schools and community-based organizations to expand programs using school facilities outside the regular school day or year.

**Hearing Date:** 1/20/14

**Staff:** Barbara McLain (786-7383).

#### Background:

State funding for the Instructional Program of Basic Education is allocated through a funding formula based on assumed class size and the administrative, instructional, and classified staff needed for a prototypical elementary, middle, or high school of a particular size. There are also assumptions about non-staff costs, district-wide support, central administration, and special programs.

One of the building-level staff allocations is a Parent Involvement Coordinator. In the 2013-15 biennial budget, a new allocation was established providing 0.0825 full-time equivalent staff for this position in a prototypical elementary school of 400 students in kindergarten through 6th grade. There is no definition or description of the duties of a Parent Involvement Coordinator. The funding formulas are for allocation purposes only; school districts make their own actual staffing decisions.

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Statutes pertaining to the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) reference "Parent and Family Engagement Coordinators," whose duties include conducting outreach activities and support for parents.

**Summary of Bill:**

A prototypical school funding formula staffing allocation is renamed from "Parent Involvement Coordinator" to "Family and Community Engagement Coordinator" (FCEC). A similar staffing reference in the LAP is also renamed.

School districts are encouraged to use FCECs to coordinate partnerships between schools, the school district, and community-based organizations in order to expand program offerings using school facilities outside of the regular school day or year.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.