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H.B. No. 613

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring institutions of higher education to use  
3 uniform grading methods for each class or section of the same  
4 course.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.9315 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.9315. UNIFORM GRADING POLICY. Each institution of  
9 higher education shall ensure that a uniform grading policy is used  
10 to determine the final course grade for each class or section of the  
11 same or substantially the same course during an academic year. At a  
12 minimum, the policy must require that the final grades for each  
13 section or class of the same course offered during an academic year  
14 be determined according to the same numeric or other scale.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004  
16 academic year, if this Act takes effect on or before August 1, 2003.  
17 If this Act takes effect after August 1, 2003, this Act applies  
18 beginning with the 2004 spring semester.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.