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S.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the contents and applicability of a school district's grading policy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.0216, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0216. DISTRICT GRADING POLICY. (a) Before each school year, a [A] school district shall adopt a grading policy, including provisions for the assignment of grades on class assignments and examinations and the calculation of cumulative averages of grades~~[, before each school year]~~. A district grading policy:

(1) must require a ~~[classroom]~~ teacher to assign a grade that reflects the student's relative mastery of the subject without employing grade inflation or misrepresenting a student's deserved grade ~~[an assignment]~~;

(2) may not require a ~~[classroom]~~ teacher to assign a minimum grade ~~[for an assignment]~~ without regard to the student's quality of work; and

(3) may allow a student a reasonable opportunity to make up or redo a class assignment or examination for which the student received a failing grade.

(b) A district grading policy shall apply to the assignment of a grade for which written notice is required under Section

1 28.022(a)(2), in addition to any other grade assigned by the  
2 district.

3 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012  
4 school year.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.