

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 79
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 8, 2010; January 31, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 March 2, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; March 2, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the contents and applicability of a school district's
1-9 grading policy.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 28.0216, Education Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 28.0216. DISTRICT GRADING POLICY. (a) Before each
1-14 school year, a [A] school district shall adopt a grading policy,
1-15 including provisions for the assignment of grades on class
1-16 assignments and examinations and the calculation of cumulative
1-17 averages of grades~~[, before each school year]~~. A district grading
1-18 policy:

1-19 (1) must require a [~~classroom~~] teacher to assign a
1-20 grade that reflects the student's relative mastery of the subject
1-21 without employing grade inflation or misrepresenting a student's
1-22 deserved grade [~~an assignment~~];

1-23 (2) may not require a [~~classroom~~] teacher to assign a
1-24 minimum grade [~~for an assignment~~] without regard to the student's
1-25 quality of work; and

1-26 (3) may allow a student a reasonable opportunity to
1-27 make up or redo a class assignment or examination for which the
1-28 student received a failing grade.

1-29 (b) A district grading policy shall apply to the assignment
1-30 of a grade for which written notice is required under Section
1-31 28.022(a)(2), in addition to any other grade assigned by the
1-32 district.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
1-34 school year.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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