

1-1 By: Nelson, Patrick S.B. No. 132
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 27, 2012; January 29, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 March 12, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 12, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Patrick	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Duncan	X			
1-11 Paxton	X			
1-12 Seliger	X			
1-13 Taylor	X			
1-14 Van de Putte	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the contents and applicability of a school district's
 1-20 grading policy.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 28.0216, Education Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 28.0216. DISTRICT GRADING POLICY. (a) Before each
 1-25 school year, a [A] school district shall adopt a grading policy,
 1-26 including provisions for the assignment of grades on class
 1-27 assignments and examinations and the calculation of cumulative
 1-28 averages of grades[, before each school year]. A district grading
 1-29 policy:

1-30 (1) must require a [~~classroom~~] teacher to assign a
 1-31 grade that reflects the student's relative mastery of the subject
 1-32 without employing grade inflation or misrepresenting a student's
 1-33 deserved grade [an assignment];

1-34 (2) may not require a [~~classroom~~] teacher to assign a
 1-35 minimum grade [~~for an assignment~~] without regard to the student's
 1-36 quality of work; and

1-37 (3) may allow a student a reasonable opportunity to
 1-38 make up or redo a class assignment or examination for which the
 1-39 student received a failing grade.

1-40 (b) A district grading policy shall apply to the assignment
 1-41 of a grade for which written notice is required under Section
 1-42 28.022(a)(2), in addition to any other grade assigned by the
 1-43 district.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
 1-45 school year.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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