

**Senator Ann Millner** proposes the following substitute bill:

**SCHOOL GRADING MODIFICATIONS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to assigning a letter grade to a school based on the proficiency, learning gains, or college and career readiness of the school's students.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► amends provisions related to the letter grade that is assigned to the percentage of points earned under school grading.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-1-1110**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 403

REPEALS:

**53A-1-1114**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 452

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*



26 Section 1. Section 53A-1-1110 is amended to read:

27 **53A-1-1110. Letter grade based on percentage of maximum points earned.**

28 (1) [~~Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), a~~] For the 2015-16 school year, a  
 29 school shall receive a letter grade based on the percentage of the maximum number of points  
 30 the school may earn as calculated under Section 53A-1-1109 as follows:

31 [~~(a) A, 100% - 80%;~~]

32 [~~(b) B, 79% - 70%;~~]

33 [~~(c) C, 69% - 60%;~~]

34 [~~(d) D, 59% - 50%; and~~]

35 [~~(e) F, 49% or less.~~]

36 (a) for a school that is not a high school:

37 (i) A, 100%-66%;

38 (ii) B, 65%-53%;

39 (iii) C, 52%-41%;

40 (iv) D, 40%-32%; and

41 (v) F, 31% or less; and

42 (b) for a high school:

43 (i) A, 100%-66%;

44 (ii) B, 65%-53%;

45 (iii) C, 52%-45%;

46 (iv) D, 44%-42%; and

47 (v) F, 41% or less.

48 [~~(2) When 85% of schools receive an A or B, the State Board of Education shall~~  
 49 ~~increase]~~

50 (2) (a) For each school year after the 2015-16 school year, the endpoints of the ranges  
 51 [~~listed in Subsections (1)(a) through (1)(e) by five~~] described in Subsection (1) shall, except as  
 52 provided in Subsection (2)(b), increase by two percentage points[~~, except~~] over the previous  
 53 school year, until the lower endpoint of the A range [~~may not be greater than~~] equals 90%.

54 (b) The board may increase the endpoints of the ranges described in Subsection (1) by  
 55 more than two percentage points over the previous school year if the increase is established in  
 56 rules made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

57 (3) [~~The~~] Notwithstanding Subsection (1) or (2), the board shall lower a school's grade  
58 by one letter grade if:

59 (a) student participation in a statewide assessment is fewer than 95%; or

60 (b) the participation of nonproficient students as determined by prior year test scores is  
61 fewer than 95%.

62 Section 2. **Repealer.**

63 This bill repeals:

64 Section **53A-1-1114, Exceptions applicable to determining school grades for the**  
65 **2014-15 school year.**