

SCHOOL GRADING AMENDMENTS

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for the implementation of a school grading system beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
 - study modifications to a school grading system model provided in statute; and
 - make recommendations to the Education Interim Committee for a school grading system; and
- ▶ provides that the school grading system shall take effect for the 2012-13 school year.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1-1103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417

53A-1-1112, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1-1103** is amended to read:

30 **53A-1-1103. State Board of Education to establish school grading system --**
31 **Report to Education Interim Committee.**

32 (1) The State Board of Education shall establish a school grading system in accordance
33 with this part in which a school annually is designated a grade of A, B, C, D, or F based on the
34 performance of the school's students on statewide assessments, and for a high school, the
35 graduation rate and measures that indicate college and career readiness.

36 (2) The State Board of Education shall:

37 (a) model the school grading system described in this part using school performance
38 data for the 2010-11 school year;

39 (b) ~~[make periodic reports to the Education Interim Committee on the results of the~~
40 ~~modeling and suggested]~~ study modifications to the school grading system; and

41 (c) make recommendations for proposed legislation to the Education Interim
42 Committee on modifications to the school grading system by the committee's ~~[November]~~
43 September 2012 meeting.

44 (3) The school grading system shall take effect for the ~~[2011-12]~~ 2012-13 school year
45 and shall replace the U-PASS accountability system developed and implemented by the State
46 Board of Education.

47 Section 2. Section **53A-1-1112** is amended to read:

48 **53A-1-1112. Reporting.**

49 (1) For the ~~[2011-12]~~ 2012-13 school year and thereafter, the State Board of Education,
50 in collaboration with school districts and charter schools, shall annually develop a school report
51 card to be delivered to parents of students in public schools.

52 (2) The report card shall include:

53 (a) the school's grade;

54 (b) the ~~[percent]~~ percentage of the maximum number of points that may be earned; and

55 (c) information indicating the school's performance on the various criteria upon which
56 the grade is based.

57 (3) On or before August 15, the State Board of Education shall annually publish, on the

58 State Board of Education's website, a report card for each school with the information required
59 in Subsection (2).

60 (4) On or before August 15, a school district shall annually publish on the school
61 district's website, and a school's website, a school report card with the grade for the prior
62 school year, together with the current school improvement plan established in accordance with
63 Section 53A-1a-108.5.

64 (5) On or before August 15, a charter school shall annually publish on the charter
65 school's website a school report card with the grade for the prior school year.