

**SCHOOL GRADING MODIFICATIONS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:*

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

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



28 (1) ~~[Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), a]~~ A school shall receive a letter  
 29 grade based on the percentage of the maximum number of points the school may earn as  
 30 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%-64%;

38 (ii) B, 63%-51%;

39 (iii) C, 50%-39%;

40 (iv) D, 38%-30%; and

41 (v) F, 29% or less; and

42 (b) for a high school:

43 (i) A, 100%-64%;

44 (ii) B, 63%-51%;

45 (iii) C, 50%-43%;

46 (iv) D, 42%-40%; and

47 (v) F, 39% or less.

48 (2) [When] Notwithstanding Subsection (1):

49 (a) the board may increase the endpoints of the ranges listed if the increase is  
 50 established in rules made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
 51 Rulemaking Act;

52 (b) when 85% of schools described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b) receive an A or B, the  
 53 [State Board of Education] board shall increase the endpoints of the ranges listed in  
 54 [Subsections] Subsection (1)(a) [through (1)(e)] or (b) by five percentage points, except the  
 55 lower endpoint of the A range may not be greater than 90%[-]; and

56 ~~[(3) The]~~ (c) the board shall lower a school's grade by one letter grade if:

57 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) student participation in a statewide assessment is [fewer] less than 95%; or

58 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) the participation of nonproficient students as determined by prior year test

59 scores is [~~fewer~~] less than 95%.

60 Section 2. **Repealer.**

61 This bill repeals:

62 Section **53A-1-1114**, **Exceptions applicable to determining school grades for the**

63 **2014-15 school year.**

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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