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Senator Ann Millner proposes the following substitute bill:

SCHOOL GRADING MODIFICATIONS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner

House Sponsor: _____

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:

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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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) A, ~~{100%-64%}~~ 100%-66%;

(ii) B, ~~{63%-51%}~~ 65%-53%;

(iii) C, ~~{50%-39%}~~ 52%-41%;

(iv) D, ~~{38%-30%}~~ 40%-32%; and

(v) F, ~~{29%}~~ 31% or less; and

(b) for a high school:

(i) A, ~~{100%-64%}~~ 100%-66%;

(ii) B, ~~{63%-51%}~~ 65%-53%;

(iii) C, ~~{50%-43%}~~ 52%-45%;

(iv) D, ~~{42%-40%}~~ 44%-42%; and

(v) F, ~~{39%}~~ 41% or less.

~~{(2) [When] Notwithstanding Subsection (1):~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~[(b) (ii)] the participation of nonproficient students as determined by prior year test scores is ~~fewer~~ ~~less~~ than 95%.~~

Section 2. Repealer.

This bill repeals:

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

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Legislative Review Note

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