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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Legg) recommended the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (420776)

3 Delete lines 219 - 233

and insert:

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(c)1. The calculation of a school grade shall be based on the percentage of points earned from the components listed in subparagraph (b) 1. and, if applicable, subparagraph (b) 2. The State Board of Education shall adopt in rule a school grading scale that sets the percentage of points needed to earn each of the school grades listed in subsection (2). There shall be at

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least 5 percentage points separating the percentage thresholds needed to earn each of the school grades. Each school year, the percentage of schools earning "A" and "B" grades shall be reviewed to determine whether to adjust the school grading scale upward for the following school year's calculation of school grades. An adjustment must be made if the percentage of schools earning an "A" and "B" in the current year represents 75 percent or more of all graded schools within a particular school type used for accountability. The adjustment must reset the minimum required percentage of points for each grade at a percentage threshold that would yield less than 75 percent of schools earning an "A" and "B" if applied in the year mandating the adjustment. The adjustments shall end when the following grade scale is achieved:

- a. Ninety percent or more of the points for an "A."
- b. Eighty to 89 percent of the points for a "B."
- c. Seventy to 79 percent of the points for a "C."
- d. Sixty to 69 percent of the points for a "D."
- e. Fifty-nine percent or less of the points for an "F."
- 2. The calculation of school grades may not include any provision that would raise or lower the school's grade beyond the percentage of points earned. Extra weight may not be added in the calculation of any components.