

By Representative Ryan

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the high school grading  
3           system; amending s. 232.2463, F.S.; revising  
4           the high school grading system; providing an  
5           effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9           Section 1. Section 232.2463, Florida Statutes, is  
10          amended to read:

11                   232.2463 High school grading system.--The grading  
12          system and interpretation of letter grades used in public high  
13          schools shall be as follows:

14                   (1) Grade "A" equals 94 percent through 100 percent,  
15          has a grade point average value of 4, and is defined as  
16          "outstanding progress."

17                   (2) Before the 1999-2000 school year, grade "B" equals  
18          85 percent through 93 percent, has a grade point average value  
19          of 3, and is defined as "above average progress." For the  
20          1999-2000 school year and each year thereafter, grade "B+"  
21          equals 90 percent through 93 percent and has a grade point  
22          average value of 3.5.

23                   (3) For the 1999-2000 school year and each year  
24          thereafter, the grade "B" equals 85 percent through 89  
25          percent, has a grade point average value of 3, and is defined  
26          as "above average progress."

27                   (4)~~(3)~~ Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "C"  
28          equals 75 percent through 84 percent, has a grade point  
29          average value of 2, and is defined as "average progress." For  
30          the 1997-1998 school year through the 1998-1999 school year  
31          ~~and each year thereafter, grade "C" equals 77 percent through~~

1 84 percent and has a grade point average value of 2, and is  
2 defined as "average progress." For the 1999-2000 school year  
3 and each year thereafter, grade "C+" equals 81 percent through  
4 84 percent and has a grade point average value of 2.5.

5 (5) For the 1999-2000 school year and each year  
6 thereafter, grade "C" equals 77 percent through 80 percent,  
7 has a grade point average value of 2, and is defined as  
8 "average progress."

9 (6)(4) Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "D"  
10 equals 65 percent through 74 percent, has a grade point  
11 average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable  
12 progress." For the 1997-1998 school year through the  
13 1998-1999 school year and each year thereafter, grade "D"  
14 equals 70 percent through 76 percent, has a grade point  
15 average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable  
16 progress." For the 1999-2000 school year and each year  
17 thereafter, grade "D+" equals 73 percent through 76 percent  
18 and has a grade point average value of 1.5.

19 (7) For the 1999-2000 school year and each year  
20 thereafter, grade "D" equals 70 percent through 72 percent,  
21 has a grade point average value of 1, and is defined as  
22 "lowest acceptable progress."

23 (8)(5) Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "F"  
24 equals zero percent through 64 percent, has a grade point  
25 average value of zero, and is defined as "failure." For the  
26 1997-1998 school year and each year thereafter, grade "F"  
27 equals zero percent through 69 percent, has a grade point  
28 average value of zero, and is defined as "failure."

29 (9)(6) Grade "I" equals zero percent, has a grade  
30 point average value of zero, and is defined as "incomplete."

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1 For the purposes of class ranking, school districts may  
2 exercise a weighted grading system.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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5 HOUSE SUMMARY

6 Revises the high school grading system.

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