

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to high school grades; amending  
3           s. 230.23, F.S.; requiring certain reports of  
4           academic achievement; amending s. 232.2463,  
5           F.S.; altering the required ranges of  
6           percentage grades that equate to letter grades  
7           and grade points; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (16) of section  
12   230.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           230.23 Powers and duties of school board.--The school  
14   board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and  
15   perform all duties listed below:

16           (16) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND  
17   ACCOUNTABILITY.--Maintain a system of school improvement and  
18   education accountability as provided by statute and State  
19   Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and  
20   education accountability shall be consistent with, and  
21   implemented through, the district's continuing system of  
22   planning and budgeting required by this section and ss.  
23   229.555 and 237.041. This system of school improvement and  
24   education accountability shall include, but is not limited to,  
25   the following:

26           (e) Public disclosure.--Provide information regarding  
27   performance of students and educational programs as required  
28   pursuant to ss. 229.555 and 229.57(5) and implement a system  
29   of school reports as required by statute and State Board of  
30   Education rule which shall include schools operating for the  
31   purpose of providing educational services to youth in

1 Department of Juvenile Justice programs, and for those  
 2 schools, report on the elements specified in s. 230.23161(21).  
 3 Annual public disclosure reports must ~~shall~~ be a profile of  
 4 each school in an easy-to-read report-card ~~report card~~ format  
 5 and must ~~shall~~ include the school's student and school  
 6 performance grade category designation and performance data as  
 7 specified in state board rule. The school board shall report  
 8 academic achievement of high school students as measured by  
 9 all statewide assessments, by national assessments, and by  
 10 grades in high school courses. Grade reports on high school  
 11 courses must specify the number and percentage of students who  
 12 received each letter grade in all courses and in each type of  
 13 course, organized by level and category.

14 Section 2. Section 232.2463, Florida Statutes, is  
 15 amended to read:

16 232.2463 High school grading system.--The grading  
 17 system and interpretation of letter grades used in public high  
 18 schools shall be as follows:

19 (1) Grade "A" equals 90 ~~94~~ percent through 100  
 20 percent, has a grade point average value of 4, and is defined  
 21 as "outstanding progress."

22 (2) Grade "B" equals 80 ~~85~~ percent through 89 ~~93~~  
 23 percent, has a grade point average value of 3, and is defined  
 24 as "above average progress."

25 (3) ~~Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "C" equals~~  
 26 ~~75 percent through 84 percent, has a grade point average value~~  
 27 ~~of 2, and is defined as "average progress." For the 1997-1998~~  
 28 ~~school year and each year thereafter, Grade "C" equals~~ 70 ~~77~~  
 29 percent through 79 ~~84~~ percent, has a grade point average value  
 30 of 2, and is defined as "average progress."  
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1           (4) ~~Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "D" equals~~  
2 ~~65 percent through 74 percent, has a grade point average value~~  
3 ~~of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable progress."~~ For the  
4 ~~1997-1998 school year and each year thereafter, Grade "D"~~  
5 equals 60 ~~70~~ percent through 69 ~~76~~ percent, has a grade point  
6 average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable  
7 progress."

8           (5) ~~Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "F" equals~~  
9 ~~zero percent through 64 percent, has a grade point average~~  
10 ~~value of zero, and is defined as "failure."~~ For the ~~1997-1998~~  
11 ~~school year and each year thereafter, Grade "F" equals zero~~  
12 percent through 59 ~~69~~ percent, has a grade point average value  
13 of zero, and is defined as "failure."

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

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

19           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.  
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