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An act relating to high school grades; amending s. 232.2463, F.S.; altering the required ranges of percentage grades that equate to letter grades and grade points; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) ~~Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "C" equals 75 percent through 84 percent, has a grade point average value of 2, and is defined as "average progress." For the 1997-1998 school year and each year thereafter, Grade "C" equals~~ 70 ~~77~~ percent through 79 ~~84~~ percent, has a grade point average value of 2, and is defined as "average progress."

(4) ~~Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "D" equals 65 percent through 74 percent, has a grade point average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable progress." For the 1997-1998 school year and each year thereafter, Grade "D" equals~~ 60 ~~70~~ percent through 69 ~~76~~ percent, has a grade point

1 average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable  
2 progress."

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

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

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

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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