

By Senator Cowin

20-886-04

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to student report cards;
amending s. 1033.33, F.S.; requiring district
school boards to prohibit schools from using a
student's grade for conduct and behavior or for
attendance in calculating the student's grade
for academic performance; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1003.33, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

1003.33 Report cards; end-of-the-year status.--

(1) Each district school board shall establish and
publish policies requiring the content and regular issuance of
student report cards for all elementary school, middle school,
and high school students. These report cards must clearly
depict and separately grade each of the following:

(a) The student's academic performance in each class
or course, which in grades 1 through 12 must be based upon
examinations as well as written papers, class participation,
and other academic performance criteria, and must include the
student's performance or nonperformance at his or her grade
level.

(b) The student's conduct and behavior.

(c) The student's attendance, including absences and
tardiness.

The district school board may not allow schools to use a
student's grade for conduct and behavior under paragraph (b)

1 or a student's grade for attendance under paragraph (c) in
2 calculating the student's grade for academic performance under
3 paragraph (a).

4 (2) A student's final report card for a school year
5 shall contain a statement indicating end-of-the-year status
6 regarding performance or nonperformance at grade level,
7 acceptable or unacceptable behavior and attendance, and
8 promotion or nonpromotion.

9
10 District school boards shall not allow schools to exempt
11 students from academic performance requirements based on
12 practices or policies designed to encourage student
13 attendance. A student's attendance record may not be used in
14 whole or in part to provide an exemption from any academic
15 performance requirement.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

17

18 *****

19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Requires district school boards to prohibit schools from
21 using a student's grade for conduct and behavior or for
22 attendance in calculating the student's grade for
23 academic performance.

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31