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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to school grades; amending s. 1008.34,  
3       F.S.; providing that a school exhibits a feeder  
4       pattern for the purpose of designating school grades  
5       if at least a majority of its students are scheduled  
6       to be assigned to the graded school; providing an  
7       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 (a) of subsection (3) of section  
12       1008.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13       1008.34 School grading system; school report cards;  
14       district grade.—

15       (3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL GRADES.—

16       (a) Each school must assess at least 95 percent of its  
17       eligible students, except as provided under s. 1008.341 for  
18       alternative schools. Each school shall receive a school grade  
19       based on the school's performance on the components listed in  
20       subparagraphs (b)1. and 2. If a school does not have at least 10  
21       students with complete data for one or more of the components  
22       listed in subparagraphs (b)1. and 2., those components may not  
23       be used in calculating the school's grade.

24       1. An alternative school may choose to receive a school  
25       grade under this section or a school improvement rating under s.  
26       1008.341. For charter schools that meet the definition of an  
27       alternative school pursuant to State Board of Education rule,  
28       the decision to receive a school grade is the decision of the  
29       charter school governing board.

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30           2. A school that serves any combination of students in  
31 kindergarten through grade 3 that does not receive a school  
32 grade because its students are not tested and included in the  
33 school grading system shall receive the school grade designation  
34 of a K-3 feeder pattern school identified by the Department of  
35 Education and verified by the school district. A school feeder  
36 pattern exists if at least a majority ~~60 percent~~ of the students  
37 in the school serving a combination of students in kindergarten  
38 through grade 3 are scheduled to be assigned to the graded  
39 school.

40           3. If a collocated school does not earn a school grade or  
41 school improvement rating for the performance of its students,  
42 the student performance data of all schools operating at the  
43 same facility must be aggregated to develop a school grade that  
44 will be assigned to all schools at that location. A collocated  
45 school is a school that has its own unique master school  
46 identification number, provides for the education of each of its  
47 enrolled students, and operates at the same facility as another  
48 school that has its own unique master school identification  
49 number and provides for the education of each of its enrolled  
50 students.

51           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.