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## DIGEST

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Barrow

HB No. 598

**Abstract:** Requires BESE to base performance score ranges used for purposes of the school and district accountability system on a 100-point scale; provides for implementation beginning with the 2012-13 school year and prohibits any subsequent change made to any rule or policy that provides for the calculation of performance scores, the method or formula for determining letter grades, or granting rewards or taking corrective actions based on such scores or grades from being implemented prior to the 2016-17 school year.

Present law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a statewide school and district accountability system based on student achievement and minimum standards for the approval of schools. Provides that it shall include, at a minimum, clear and appropriate standards for schools and districts, indicators for the assessment of schools and school districts, student achievement baselines, student growth targets, and minimum levels of student achievement for each public school and district, rewards and corrective actions, intervals for assessment and reassessment, a review process for evaluating growth targets, and technical assistance. Provides that such system shall be based, in part, on growth in student achievement using a value-added assessment model as determined by BESE. Requires the assignment of letter grades based on performance scores to schools and districts.

Proposed law requires BESE to base the performance score ranges it uses for purposes of the accountability system on a 100-point scale. Provides for proposed law implementation beginning with the 2012-13 school year and prohibits the implementation of any subsequent change made by the state board to any rule or policy that provides for the calculation of performance scores, for the method or formula for determining letter grades for schools or school districts, or for granting rewards or taking corrective actions based on such scores or grades prior to the 2016-17 school year.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.1(B))