

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 424

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

SCHOOLS: Requires each public school governing authority to use a uniform 10-point grading scale

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:184 and 3996(B)(82) and to repeal R.S. 17:7(31), relative to grades
3 assigned in public schools; to require all public schools to use a uniform ten-point
4 grading scale; to repeal the requirement that the State Board of Elementary and
5 Secondary Education provide for the implementation of a uniform grading scale; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:184 and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §184. Uniform grading scale

10 A. Each public school governing authority shall use the following ten-point
11 grading scale for students enrolled in any grade for which letter grades are used:

12 (1) One hundred points through ninety points is an A.

13 (2) Eighty-nine points through eighty points is a B.

14 (3) Seventy-nine points through seventy points is a C.

15 (4) Sixty-nine points through sixty points is a D.

16 (5) Fifty-nine points through zero points in an F.

17 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section do not apply to any school
18 that is operated by the United States Department of Defense and that is located on
19 a federal military installation.

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1 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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3 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
4 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
5 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
6 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
7 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
8 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
9 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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11 (82) Uniform ten-point grading scale, R.S. 17:184.

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13 Section 2. R.S. 17:7(31) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires all public schools to use a uniform 10-point grading scale.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for the implementation of a uniform grading scale for use in all public school except for certain schools operated by the U.S. Dept. of Defense; BESE provides this in present administrative rule (BESE policy), which requires a seven-point grading scale (100-93: A, 92-85: B, 84-75: C; 74-67: D; 66-0: F).

Proposed law repeals present law and requires all public schools, including charter schools, to use a uniform 10-point grading scale (100-90: A; 89-80: B; 79-70: C; 69-60: D; 59-0: F). Provides same exception for Dept. of Defense schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:184 and 3996(B)(82); Repeals R.S. 17:7(31))