

SENATE BILL NO. 234

BY SENATOR PRESSLY AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3384, relative to postsecondary education institutions; to require a letter-
3 based grading scale for medical doctorate degrees; to provide for an effective date;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3384 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§3384. Medical school grading scale**

8 **A. Beginning August 1, 2027, all public postsecondary education**
9 **institutions offering medical doctorate degrees shall adopt policies ensuring that**
10 **all curriculum coursework offered for a medical degree or certificate assesses**
11 **a student's performance on the assigned coursework using a tiered grading**
12 **system of High-Pass (HP), Pass (P), Low-Pass(LP), or Fail (F), or another tiered**
13 **grading system with at least four such designations.**

14 **B. If any provision of this Section or the application thereof is held**
15 **invalid as to any person or circumstance, such invalidity shall not affect other**
16 **provisions or applications of this Section which can be given effect without the**
17 **invalid provisions or applications.**

18 Section 2. This Act shall be known as the "Medical School Letter Grade Act".

1 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026. If vetoed by the governor
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day
3 following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2026, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____