
DIGEST

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HB No. 466

Abstract: Provides that implementation of any change in rules or policies that provide for a method or formula for determining school and district letter grades is contingent upon the approval of the House and Senate education committees.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop a letter grade system reflective of school and district performance, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Assignment of letter grades to public school and districts based on the current method of determining school and district performance scores; schools labeled academically unacceptable shall be assigned a grade of "F".
- (2) Inclusion of letter grades in school report cards compiled by the state Dept. of Education and distributed to parents and in any public release of school and district performance scores.
- (3) Creation of an honor roll recognizing high-performing schools and high schools.

Proposed law:

- (1) Prohibits BESE from implementing any change to any rule or policy that provides for a method or formula for determining letter grades for schools or school districts or that provides for granting rewards or taking corrective actions based on letter grades unless the change has been approved by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education, meeting separately or jointly.
- (2) Notwithstanding proposed law, for the 2012-13 school year, requires BESE to determine letter grades according to the same method or formula used for the 2011-12 school year and to provide for granting rewards or taking corrective actions based on letter grades according to the same rules or policies used in the 2011-12 school year.

Effective July 1, 2013.

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