

SENATE BILL 1728

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to grading systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-407, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) Each LEA shall adopt and use the uniform grading system developed by the state board of education for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve (9-12). Each LEA must report students' grades using the uniform grading system for the purposes of application for postsecondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee student assistance corporation.

(2) The uniform grading system developed by the state board of education for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve (9-12) must use the following grading scale:

(A) A student earns an "A" letter grade if the student scores a percentage of points within the range of ninety (90) to one hundred (100);

(B) A student earns a "B" letter grade if the student scores a percentage of points within the range of eighty (80) to eighty-nine (89);

(C) A student earns a "C" letter grade if the student scores a percentage of points within the range of seventy (70) to seventy-nine (79);

(D) A student earns a "D" letter grade if the student scores a percentage of points within the range of sixty (60) to sixty-nine (69); and

(E) A student earns a failing or "F" letter grade if the student scores a percentage of points within the range of zero (0) to fifty-nine (59).

(b)

(1) The state board of education shall develop a uniform grading system for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) that LEAs may adopt and implement.

(2) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the state board of education shall not modify the uniform grading system for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) more than once every two (2) years.

(c) This section does not prohibit the state board of education or an LEA from developing, adopting, or implementing a grading system for purposes other than reporting students' grades for postsecondary financial assistance under subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to grades assigned to students in the 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter.