CHAPTER 2001-237

Senate Bill No. 636

An act relating to high school grades; amending s. 232.2463, F.S.; altering the required ranges of percentage grades that equate to letter grades and grade points; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 232.2463, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

232.2463 High school grading system.—The grading system and interpretation of letter grades used in public high schools shall be as follows:

(1) Grade "A" equals 90 94 percent through 100 percent, has a grade point average value of 4, and is defined as "outstanding progress."

(2) Grade "B" equals <u>80</u> 85 percent through <u>89</u> 93 percent, has a grade point average value of 3, and is defined as "above average progress."

(3) Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "C" equals 75 percent through 84 percent, has a grade point average value of 2, and is defined as "average progress." For the 1997-1998 school year and each year thereafter, Grade "C" equals <u>70</u> 77 percent through <u>79</u> 84 percent, has a grade point average value of 2, and is defined as "average progress."

(4) Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "D" equals 65 percent through 74 percent, has a grade point average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable progress." For the 1997-1998 school year and each year thereafter, Grade "D" equals <u>60</u> 70 percent through <u>69</u> 76 percent, has a grade point average value of 1, and is defined as "lowest acceptable progress."

(5) Before the 1997-1998 school year, grade "F" equals zero percent through 64 percent, has a grade point average value of zero, and is defined as "failure." For the 1997-1998 school year and each year thereafter, Grade "F" equals zero percent through <u>59</u> 69 percent, has a grade point average value of zero, and is defined as "failure."

(6) Grade "I" equals zero percent, has a grade point average value of zero, and is defined as "incomplete."

For the purposes of class ranking, school districts may exercise a weighted grading system.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved by the Governor June 14, 2001.

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