



HOUSE BILL 1199: Graduating Sr Numeric Grade/Appropriate Funds.

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Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	June 2, 2020
Introduced by:	Reps. Arp, Horn, Brody	Prepared by:	Brian Gwyn*
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H1199-CSBE-36		Committee Co-Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The 1st edition of HB 1199 would give local boards of education the authority to allow graduating high school seniors the choice of whether their spring 2020 course grades would appear on official transcripts as numeric grades or Pass/Withdrawal. The 1st edition would also provide a \$10,000 appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to make any necessary reporting adjustments. The PCS would limit the bill to Union County Public Schools and remove the appropriation.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 116-11(10a) requires DPI to generate and local school administrative units to use standardized transcripts in an automated format for applicants to higher education institutions. The standardized transcript must include grade point average, class rank, end-of-course test scores, and uniform course information.

Under State Board of Education Policy GRAD-009, all graduating seniors in North Carolina will receive either a Pass or Withdrawal as their grades for their spring 2020 courses. The codes “PC19” (Pass) or “WC19” (Withdrawal) will appear on official transcripts rather than numerical grades.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would give Union County Public Schools the authority to allow each graduating senior to choose from one of the following two options regarding how grades for courses from spring 2020 would appear on official transcripts:

- (1) The highest grade of either (i) the numeric grade as of March 13, 2020; or (ii) if numeric grades were given during remote instruction, the grade as improved during the remainder of the semester through remote instruction.
- (2) Pass or Withdrawal, as appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would be effective when it becomes law.

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