



# HOUSE BILL 362: 15-Point Scale For School Performance Grades.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 362 would permanently change the scale for the determination of school performance grades to a 15 point scale.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H145, as introduced by Reps. Harris, Autry, Lofton, Clark, which is currently in House Education - K-12.]

**CURRENT LAW:** In general, school performance scores are calculated by adding the school achievement score and the school growth score and then converting the score to a 100-point scale. A-F school performance grades are assigned a corresponding letter grade based on a ten-point grading scale, as follows:

- A school performance score of at least 90 is a school performance grade of A.
- A school performance score of at least 80 is a school performance grade of B.
- A school performance score of at least 70 is a school performance grade of C.
- A school performance score of at least 60 is a school performance grade of D.
- A school performance score of less than 60 is a school performance grade of F.

S.L. 2014-5 changed the scale for calculating A-F school performance grades from a ten-point scale to a 15-point scale for the 2013-2014 school year only, as follows:

- A school performance score of at least 85 is a school performance grade of A.
- A school performance score of at least 70 is a school performance grade of B.
- A school performance score of at least 55 is a school performance grade of C.
- A school performance score of at least 40 is a school performance grade of D.
- A school performance score of less than 40 is a school performance grade of F.

S.L. 2015-17 extended the use of the 15-point scale for assignment of A-F school performance grades for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. Section 8.19 of S.L. 2016-94 further extended the use of the 15-point scale for assignment of A-F school performance grades for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 school years.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill would permanently change the scale to a 15-point scale for assignment of A-F school performance grades.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective when it becomes law and apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Board of Education (SBE) must award school achievement, growth, and performance scores and an associated A-F performance grade for every school.

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