

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Deidre M. Henderson

House Sponsor: Lee B. Perry

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides that for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, the State Board of Education is not required to assign to each school an overall rating using an A through F letter grading scale.

Highlighted Provisions:

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53E-5-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53E-5-204** is amended to read:

53E-5-204. Rating schools.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (3), and in accordance with this part, the state

29 board shall annually assign to each school an overall rating using an A through F letter grading
30 scale where, based on the school's performance level on the indicators described in Subsection
31 (2):

- 32 (a) an A grade represents an exemplary school;
- 33 (b) a B grade represents a commendable school;
- 34 (c) a C grade represents a typical school;
- 35 (d) a D grade represents a developing school; and
- 36 (e) an F grade represents a critical needs school.

37 (2) A school's overall rating described in Subsection (1) shall be based on the school's
38 performance on the indicators described in:

- 39 (a) Section 53E-5-205, for an elementary school or a middle school; or
- 40 (b) Section 53E-5-206, for a high school.

41 (3) (a) For a school year in which the state board determines it is necessary to establish,
42 due to a transition to a new assessment, a new baseline to determine student growth described
43 in Section 53E-5-210, the state board is not required to assign an overall rating described in
44 Subsection (1) to a school to which the new baseline applies.

45 (b) For the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 school [year] years, the state board:

- 46 (i) shall evaluate a school based on the school's performance level on the indicators
47 described in Subsection (2) and in accordance with this part; and
- 48 (ii) is not required to assign a school an overall rating described in Subsection (1).

49 Section 2. **Effective date.**

50 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
51 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
52 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
53 the date of veto override.