

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1313
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to House Bill 1313 requires boards of education to adopt grading policies that require teachers to assign grades that reflect mastery of assignments, do not require teachers to assign a minimum grade for an assignment without regard to the quality of work and may allow a student an opportunity to make up assignments or examinations for which students received failing grades. The measure provides that the State Board of Education, boards of education and administrators must not prohibit teachers from helping students learn through any means deemed appropriate including classroom behavior requirements and enforcement of grading and assignment policies.

The State Board of Education, district boards of education, superintendents or administrators cannot prohibit teachers from using corporal punishment if at the teacher's discretion corporal punishment is needed to maintain discipline and order in the classroom. Any corporal punishment will be witnessed by at least one other teacher or administrator. Any teacher or administrator who administers corporal punishment with a witness or witnesses it will be exempt from civil liability except in the case of gross negligence.

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Fiscal Analysis

Committee Sub. for HB 1313 requires school districts to adopt a certain grading policy, promotes certain environment, and provides specific prohibitions. The measure has no fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None at this time