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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

HOUSE BILL 1602

By: Enns of the House

and

Sharp of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring school districts to adopt a grading policy; specifying certain provisions; directing the State Board of Education to promulgate certain rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-121 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district board of education shall adopt a grading policy for all students attending public school in that district. The policy shall include provisions for the assignment of grades on class assignments, examinations and final class grades. The policy:

1 1. Shall require a classroom teacher to assign a grade that
2 reflects the relative mastery of an assignment by the student;

3 2. Shall not require a classroom teacher to assign a minimum
4 grade for an assignment without regard to the quality of work by the
5 student; and

6 3. May allow a student a reasonable opportunity to make up or
7 redo a class assignment or examination for which the student
8 received a failing grade.

9 B. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for
10 monitoring school districts for compliance with this section and
11 providing sanctions for noncompliance with this section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/28/2017
19 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.