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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1603**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-7.1, relating to the establishment of a uniform grading policy by all local school boards in the Commonwealth.*

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Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-7.1 as follows:**

*§ 22.1-7.1. Middle and secondary school uniform grading system.*

*Beginning with the entering sixth grade and ninth grade classes of the 2009-2010 school year, local school boards shall establish policies that interpret end-of-course grades used for students in public schools in grades 6-12 as follows:*

*1. Grade "A" equals 90 percent through 100 percent, has a grade point average value of four, and is defined as "outstanding progress";*

*2. Grade "B" equals 80 percent through 89 percent, has a grade point average value of three, and is defined as "above average progress";*

*3. Grade "C" equals 70 percent through 79 percent, has a grade point average value of two, and is defined as "average progress";*

*4. Grade "D" equals 60 percent through 69 percent, has a grade point average value of one, and is defined as "lowest acceptable progress";*

*5. Grade "F" equals zero percent through 59 percent, has a grade point average value of zero, and is defined as "failure"; and*

*6. Grade "I" is defined as incomplete.*

*Local school boards may in their discretion assign to each of the foregoing grade point average values an additional weight of .50 for each honors course a student completes and an additional 1.0 for each completed advance placement or International Baccalaureate course.*

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