

SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 160

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING SCHOOLS TO USE THE
STANDARDIZED ALPHABETIC OR NUMERIC GRADING SYSTEM ADOPTED BY
THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] STANDARDIZED STATEWIDE GRADING SYSTEM.--
The department shall adopt and promulgate rules to establish a
standardized alphabetic or numeric grading system based on the
4.0 or one hundred percent scale to be used by all public
schools for grades five through twelve that is aligned with the
New Mexico academic content and performance. A public school
shall include the results of standards-based assessments in the
standardized grading system, and may augment the standardized

1 grading system with a narrative or other method that measures a
2 student's academic, social, behavioral or other skills.