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SB 234 Engrossed

DIGEST
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Proposed law requires public postsecondary education institutions that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt policies that ensure any curriculum coursework offered for a medical degree or certificate assesses a student's performance on the assigned coursework using a tiered grading system of High-Pass, Pass, Low-Pass or Fail, or another tiered grading system with at least four such designations.

Proposed law provides that policies must be adopted beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year.

Proposed law authorizes the Bd. of Regents to adopt policies that provide for civil penalties for violations to proposed law.

Proposed law provides for a severability clause.

Proposed law provides that the law will be known as the "Medical School Letter Grade Act".

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 17:3384)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Clarifies the start date as August 1, 2027.
2. Changes the grading scale from a letter grade scale of A, B, C, D, or F to a tiered grading system of High-Pass, Pass, Low-Pass, or Fail.