

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5042

As of January 22, 1997

Title: An act relating to standardized high school transcripts.

Brief Description: Requiring a weighting system for honors classes grades to be used in determining standardized grade points for high school transcripts.

Sponsors: Senators Benton and Patterson.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Education: 1/31/97.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Background: Under current law, the State Board of Education develops a uniform presentation for high school transcript information. Definitions of terms like hours– and credits– make it possible for employers and college admission officers to compare the performance of students across high schools operating on a quarter, semester, or trimester system.

Summary of Bill: Provisions for standard public high school transcripts are modified. The State Board of Education is directed to adopt a weighting system for grades earned by students in honors and advanced placement classes.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.