(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/06/13)

Requires the state board of education to implement a school-grading program to: (1) Enhance the learning gains of all students;

- (2) Provide feedback to schools and school districts;
- (3) Supply parents and community members with understandable information about their schools; and
- (4) Provide information regarding school accountability and recognition.

Specifies that the school-grading program is a pilot program during the 2013-2014 school year.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Conduct the pilot program in five geographically diverse school districts;

- (2) Annually report each school district's grade to the governor and the legislature;
- (3) Adapt the model school performance report and the agency web site to include each school district's grade and each school's grade; and
- (4) Contract with an organization in the state to conduct an independent evaluation of the school-grading pilot program.