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Senate Bill 544 prohibits a county board of education from establishing a no-zero grading policy.

PSSAM understands the intent of this legislation but we must **oppose** Senate Bill 544.

Local superintendents must continue to advocate for local board of education governance of teaching and learning, including grading policies. PSSAM strongly believes that it is critical that locally governed education policies and procedures remain under the authority of local boards of education. Each local school board must have the flexibility to develop individual policies and practices that reflect the specific and diverse needs of their system. PSSAM again reiterates that we will continue to oppose all attempts to legislate curriculum, courses of study, graduation requirements, and grading policies. We firmly believe that this role belongs to local boards of education.

For the reasons stated above, PSSAM **opposes** Senate Bill 544 and urges an unfavorable committee report.