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Good morning, Chairman Elkin and Senate Education Committee. I am State Representative Brandy Pyle from District 22. I am here today to introduce HB 1131 which is adding verbiage to Chapter 15.1-21-02.3.

This part of the chapter outlines out optional high school curriculum requirements.

The intent of the bill is to add language for those high schools who use proficiency in a standardsbased grading system for an alternative path for some learners. We know that sometimes the traditional classroom doesn't fit, and this would allow the proficiency in a standards based school to attend their final 2 years of high school. This type of alternative school is already in statute for our traditional based grading system schools.

This committee and the legislature have added similar language in past sessions for transcripts and scholarships opportunities for these schools who use proficiency in a standards based grading system.

By adding this language, we are ensuring that those learners who need an alternate pathway to a high school diploma and attend a high school who uses proficiency in a standards-based grading system, can and ultimately be a high school graduate.

Thank you for the committee's consideration of HB 1131. I will take any questions you may have, but there are others here who will speak in favor of this proposed legislation.