

HB 2318 -- Teaching Standards

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This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop teaching standards for all public schools by June 30, 2009. Standards include student participation, use of various forms of assessment, communication skills, instructional knowledge, and professional behavior. The department must also develop criteria by which teaching may be evaluated under the standards. Elements of the evaluation system are feedback on effective practice, pathways for and nurturing of professional growth, and support of the learning community. The bill specifies the principles upon which the standards and evaluation criteria are based and identifies the organizations which must be represented in the development process.