

1 **H. B. 2002**

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3 (By Delegates Iaquinta, Miley and T. Campbell)  
4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the  
5 Committee on Education.]  
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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §18-8-1b, relating to  
12 the denial of course credits for unexcused absences in school.

13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

14 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
15 by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-8-1b, to read as  
16 follows:

17 **ARTICLE 8. COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

18 **§18-8-1b. Denial of course credit due to unexcused absences.**

19 (a) In schools using the block scheduling system, any student  
20 who is absent for nine days or more of school in a semester and  
21 whose absences are unexcused will not receive credit for the  
22 semester in the course or courses that were missed.

23 (b) In all middle schools, junior high schools and high  
24 schools that do not use the block scheduling system, if a student

1 is absent for eighteen days or more in a year and the absences are  
2 unexcused, the student may not receive credit for that year in the  
3 course or courses that were missed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to deny course credit for a designated number of unexcused absences in a semester or year.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.