

H. B. 2356

(By Delegates Caputo, Fragale, Manchin,
Longstreth, Paxton and Rowan)

[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
Committee on Education then Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §18-5-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to county boards of education; school libraries; requiring each school to have a certified library media specialist; and requiring the board to develop professional standards for the certified library media specialist.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §18-5-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-20. School libraries; librarian.

(a) The board may provide libraries for its schools and may purchase books, bookcases, and other things necessary therefor, and shall pay the cost of such libraries out of school funds of the county. In connection with any such school library, the board may employ a full-time librarian or may require one of the teachers at

1 the school to serve as a part-time librarian. Any such full-time
2 librarian or any such teacher-librarian, who holds a degree in
3 library science based upon the successful completion of a full year
4 of graduate work at an institution qualified and approved to offer
5 such degree, and who holds a collegiate elementary, first-class
6 high school, or other certificate of equal rank, shall be paid the
7 same salary as is prescribed by law for teachers holding a master's
8 degree.

9 (b) The board shall have authority to employ during the
10 vacation period a librarian for any school having a library of one
11 hundred or more volumes, and to pay such librarian out of the
12 school funds of the county an amount to be determined by the board.
13 Any librarian so appointed shall keep the library open at least one
14 day a week, at which time the patrons and pupils of the school may
15 draw books from the library under such rules and regulations for
16 the care and return thereof as the board may prescribe.

17 (c) The board shall employ in each school a certified library
18 media specialist whose professional standards and salary shall be
19 developed and determined by the West Virginia Board of Education.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require county boards of
education to employ a certified library media specialist in each
county school.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from
the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would
be added.