

1 **H. B. 4454**

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3 (By Delegates Duke, Hamilton, Gearheart, Romine, Azinger,  
4 Nelson, Andes, Snuffer, Ireland, Rowan and Storch)

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6 [Introduced February 8, 2012; referred to the  
7 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 §18-5-14a, relating  
12 to authorizing county school boards to adopt policies to  
13 promote school attendance.

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

15 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
16 by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-14a, to read as  
17 follows:

18 **ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

19 **§18-5-14a. Policies to promote school attendance.**

20 (a) The board of education of each county may develop, modify,  
21 implement and enforce policies designed to promote school  
22 attendance. The policies may include, but are not limited to:

23 (1) Reducing grades or denying credit for courses in which a  
24 student has excessive unexcused absences;

25 (2) Requiring a student to make up a predetermined number of

1 unexcused absences in order to receive credit for a course or  
2 preserve a grade in that course;

3       (3) Allowing a student who has attended a predetermined number  
4 of classes to elect to have the grade received on an end of the  
5 grading period test for that class disregarded in the calculation  
6 of the grade reported for that period; and

7       (4) Providing incentives for students whose attendance  
8 satisfies certain predetermined conditions.

9       (b) County boards may use school funds to support incentive  
10 programs implemented in accordance with the policies.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize county school boards to develop policies to promote school attendance.

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