

1 **ENROLLED**

2 Committee Substitute

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4 **H. B. 2940**

5
6 (By Delegates M. Poling, Stowers, Pasdon,
7 Moye and Perry)

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9 [Passed April 9, 2013; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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11
12 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
13 adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-26a, relating
14 to regional meetings among certain officials of county boards
15 of education; establishing purposes and limitation; requiring
16 notice; setting forth the responsibilities of county and state
17 education officials; soliciting input from organizations
18 having an interest in education; requiring certain reports;
19 and providing a process for approval of training.

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

21 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
22 by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-26a, to read as
23 follows:

24 **ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

1 **§18-2-26a. Regional meetings on shared services and functions;**
2 **notice, solicitation of input and approval;**
3 **reports.**

4 (a) During the months of July and August, 2013, and thereafter
5 biennially within two months following the organizational meetings
6 of county boards required by section one-c, article five of this
7 chapter, all county superintendents of schools and members of
8 county boards belonging to the same regional educational service
9 agency shall meet together to identify administrative, coordinating
10 and other county level services and functions that may be shared
11 between or among the county boards, especially when resignations,
12 retirements, staffing realignments or similar events may occur.
13 The meeting shall be a special meeting of each participating county
14 board, to be called pursuant to section four, article five of this
15 chapter solely for the purposes set forth in this section.

16 (b) As soon as each meeting is scheduled, the West Virginia
17 School Board Association shall notify the state superintendent in
18 writing of the time, place and date of the meeting. The
19 association shall conduct the meetings and for that purpose may
20 consult with the regional educational service agencies. The format
21 of the meetings shall be approved by the state board in advance.

22 (c) Prior to seeking the approval of the state board for the
23 format of the meetings, the association shall solicit input from
24 statewide organizations that have an interest in public education,

1 including organizations representing the interests of parents,
2 business and industry, public school administrators, teachers and
3 service personnel.

4 (d) By October 1, following the meetings required by this
5 section, the West Virginia School Board Association shall provide
6 a report of the meetings to the state board and the Legislative
7 Oversight Commission on Education Accountability. The report shall
8 include, but is not limited to, the following items:

9 (1) Identification of the administrative, coordinating and
10 other county level services and functions that may be shared
11 between or among the county boards;

12 (2) An analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of sharing
13 services in each instance; and

14 (3) A process for implementing recommended changes.

15 (e) Subject to state board approval, the county board member
16 training standards review committee established by section one-a,
17 article five of this chapter may determine that the attendance of
18 a county board member at the meeting required by subsection (a) of
19 this section shall be approved as training related to boardsmanship
20 and governance effectiveness.

21 (f) Nothing in this section requires the elimination or
22 consolidation of county school districts.

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