

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 2940

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[Originating in the Committee on Education.]
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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-26a, relating to regional meetings among certain officials of county boards of education; establishing purposes and limitation; requiring notice; setting forth the responsibilities of county and state education officials; soliciting input from organizations having an interest in education; requiring certain reports; and providing a process for approval of training.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

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

16 writing of the time, place and date of the meeting. The associa-
 17 tion shall conduct the meetings and for that purpose may consult
 18 with the regional educational service agencies. The format of the
 19 meetings shall be approved by the state board in advance.

20 (c) Prior to seeking the approval of the state board for the
 21 format of the meetings, the association shall solicit input from
 22 statewide organizations that have an interest in public education,
 23 including organizations representing the interests of parents,
 24 business and industry, public school administrators, teachers and
 25 service personnel.

26 (d) By October 1, following the meetings required by this
 27 section, the West Virginia School Board Association shall
 28 provide a report of the meetings to the state board and the
 29 Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.
 30 The report shall include, but is not limited to, the following
 31 items:

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

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

- 37 (3) A process for implementing recommended changes.
- 38 (e) Subject to state board approval, the county board member
- 39 training standards review committee established by section one-
- 40 a, article five of this chapter may determine that the attendance
- 41 of a county board member at the meeting required by subsection
- 42 (a) of this section shall be approved as training related to
- 43 boardsmanship and governance effectiveness.
- 44 (f) Nothing in this section requires the elimination or
- 45 consolidation of county school districts.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require regional meetings among certain officials of county boards of education. The bill establishes purposes and limitation. The bill requires notice. The bill sets forth the responsibilities of county and state education officials. The bill solicits input from organizations having an interest in education. The bill requires certain reports. The bill provides a process for approval of training.

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