

1 **Senate Bill No. 309**

2 (By Senator Cann)

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4 [Introduced January 9, 2014; referred to the Committee on
5 Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.]
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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §18C-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to including Salem International
12 University as an eligible institution and modifying provisions
13 regarding the higher education institutions that are eligible
14 to continue to receive PROMISE scholarship funds.

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

16 That §18C-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
17 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

18 **ARTICLE 7. WEST VIRGINIA PROVIDING REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR**
19 **MAXIMIZING IN-STATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**
20 **PROGRAM.**

21 **§18C-7-3. Definitions.**

22 (a) *General.* -- For the purposes of this article, terms have

1 the meaning ascribed to them in section two, article one of this
2 chapter, unless the context in which the term is used clearly
3 requires a different meaning or a specific definition is provided
4 in this section.

5 (b) *Definitions.* --

6 (1) "Eligible institution" means:

7 (A) A state institution of higher education as defined in
8 section two, article one, chapter eighteen-b of this code;

9 (B) Alderson-Broadus College, Appalachian Bible College,
10 Bethany College, Davis and Elkins College, Mountain State
11 University, Ohio Valley University, Salem International University,
12 the University of Charleston, West Virginia Wesleyan College and
13 Wheeling Jesuit University, all in West Virginia. Any institution
14 listed in this subdivision ceases to be an eligible institution if
15 it loses regional accreditation. ~~meets either of the following~~
16 ~~conditions:~~

17 ~~(i) It loses regional accreditation; or~~

18 ~~(ii) It changes its status as a private, not-for-profit~~
19 ~~institution;~~

20 (C) Any other public or private regionally accredited
21 institution in this state approved by the commission.

22 (2) "Tuition" means the quarter, semester or term charges
23 imposed by an eligible state institution of higher education and,

1 additionally, all mandatory fees required as a condition of
2 enrollment by all students. For the purposes of this article, the
3 following conditions apply:

4 (A) West Virginia University, Potomac State College and West
5 Virginia University Institute of Technology are considered separate
6 institutions for purposes of determining tuition rates; and

7 (B) The tuition amount paid by undergraduate health sciences
8 students at West Virginia University is considered to be the same
9 as the amount of tuition paid by all other West Virginia University
10 undergraduate students.

11 (3) "Enrolled" means either currently enrolled or in the
12 process of enrolling in an eligible institution.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to include Salem International University as an eligible institution and modifies provisions regarding the higher education institutions that are eligible to continue to receive PROMISE scholarship funds.

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