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2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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4 **Senate Bill No. 287**

5 (Senators Takubo, Boley, Carmichael, Gaunch, Stollings, Walters, Williams,

6 Trump and Blair, *original sponsors* )

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8 [Passed March 13, 2015; in effect ninety days from passage.]  
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11 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
12 designated §18-2-34a, relating to providing for awarding posthumous high school diplomas  
13 under certain circumstances; and designating provisions as "Todd's Law".

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

15 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
16 section, designated §18-2-32, to read as follows:

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

18 **§18-2-32. Posthumous high school diplomas.**

19 (a) This section shall be known as “Todd’s Law”.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the state board shall provide  
21 for the awarding of a high school diploma to a deceased student, at the request of the parent,  
22 guardian or custodian, if the student:

- 1 (1) Was enrolled in a public school in this state at the time of death;
- 2 (2) Was academically eligible, or on track to complete the requirements for graduation at the
- 3 time of death; and
- 4 (3) Died after the completion of the eleventh grade school year.