1 **H. B. 2156**

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3 (By Delegate Eldridge, Phillips, R., Marcum, Rodighiero, moffatt, O'Neal, Campbell, White, H.,

4 and Howell)

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6 Committee on Education then Finance.]

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11 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

12 designated §18-2-34a, relating to the State Board of Education; providing for the awarding

13 of a posthumous high school diploma to parents of a high school senior who dies during the

14 senior year; providing exceptions; and designating as "Todd's Law".

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

16 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new

17 section, designated §18-2-34a, to read as follows:

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

19 **§18-2-34a. Posthumous high school diplomas for parents of certain students.**

20 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, but subject to subsection (b)

21 of this section, on the request of the parent or parents of a deceased student who died while enrolled

1 in the school district at grade level twelve, the state board shall provide for the awarding of a

2 posthumous high school diploma: *Provided,* That the student was academically eligible, at the time

3 of death, to receive a diploma at the end of the school year in which the student died.   For the

4 purposes of this section, "school year" includes any summer session following the spring semester.

5   (b) A school district is not required to issue a high school diploma to a student described in

6 subsection (a) if the student was, at any time before the death of the student, convicted of a criminal

7 offense or adjudicated as having engaged in conduct constituting a felony offense.

8   (c) This section shall be known as "Todd's Law".

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the awarding of a posthumous high school diploma to parents of a high school senior who dies during the senior year.

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