

H. B. 2267

(By Delegates Walters, Householder, Butler, Canterbury, Stansbury,
R. Phillips, Hamrick and Cowles)

[Introduced January 23, 2015; referred to the
Committee on Education then the Judiciary.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-13b, relating to authorizing a county school board to adopt a policy that allows an inspirational message to be delivered by students at a student assembly; providing policy requirements; and providing purpose.

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 §18-5-13b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-13b. Authorizing a county board of education to adopt a policy permitting students to deliver an inspirational message at a student assembly; providing policy requirements and providing purpose.

(a) Any county board of education may adopt a policy allowing an inspirational message to be delivered by students at a student assembly. The policy must provide that students who are responsible for organizing any student-led portion of a student assembly shall:

- 1 (1) Have sole discretion in determining whether an inspirational message is to be delivered;
2 and
3 (2) Choose the student volunteers who will deliver an inspirational message. The student
4 volunteers shall be solely responsible for the preparation and content of the inspirational message.
5 (b) County school personnel may not:
6 (1) Participate in or otherwise influence, the determination of whether an inspirational
7 message is to be delivered or select the student volunteers who will deliver the inspirational message;
8 or
9 (2) Monitor or otherwise review the content of a student volunteer’s inspirational message.
10 (c) The purpose of this section is to provide students with the opportunity for formal or
11 ceremonious observance of an occasion or event.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize county school boards to adopt policies that allow students to deliver an inspirational message at a student assembly, to provide policy requirements, and to provide the purpose for the authority.

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