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

10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
11 designated §18-2-40, relating to state control of county schools; giving the State Board of
12 Education no more than five years to improve any school or school system under its control;
13 and requiring the State Board of Education to hold a public hearing if it seeks to take control
14 of the school or school system within three years of control being relinquished.

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 §18-2-40, to read as follows:

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

19 **§18-2-40. State control of county boards of education; improvement by state board; time**
20 **tables; public hearing.**

21 (a) The state board may not control a public school, or a public school system, in West
22 Virginia for more than five years. At the end of that five year period the state board shall relinquish
23 control of the school or school system to the county board.

1 (b) Once control has been relinquished to the county board, the state board may not intervene
2 again for a minimum of three years unless the state board holds a public hearing in the affected
3 county in order that the concerns of the citizens of that county may be heard.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to give the State Board of Education no more than five years to improve any school or school system under its control. The bill requires the State Board of Education to provide a public hearing if it seeks to take control of the school or school system again with three years of control being relinquished.

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