

**H. B. 2474**

(By Delegates Cowles, Rowan and Duke)

[Introduced January 28, 2015; referred to the

Committee on Education then Finance.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §18-17-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the compensation of personnel employed at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; updating reference to minimum salaries in effect for personnel at facilities under jurisdiction of the State Board of Education; and authorizing board to establish salary schedules or compensation in excess of the minimums for certain teachers at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

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

That §18-17-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 17. WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.**

**§18-17-1. Continuation; management; minimum salary scale for all employees.**

~~The West Virginia Schools for Deaf Pupils and Blind Pupils heretofore established and located at Romney, in Hampshire County, shall be continued and shall be known as the "West~~

1 ~~Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind."~~ The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind  
2 located at Romney, in Hampshire County, is continued. The schools shall be maintained for the care  
3 and education of the deaf youth and blind youth of the state. The educational ~~or~~ and business affairs  
4 of the schools ~~shall be~~ are under the control, supervision and management of the State Board of  
5 Education, and the state board shall employ the superintendent, principals, teachers and other  
6 employees and shall fix the yearly or monthly salary to be paid to each person so employed.

7       The minimum salary scale for ~~said principals, teachers and other employees shall be the same~~  
8 ~~as set forth in sections two, three and eight-a, article four, chapter eighteen-a of this code~~  
9 professional personnel and service personnel employed shall be in accordance with section  
10 seventeen, article four, chapter eighteen-a of this code. In addition, the state board may establish  
11 salary schedules or additional compensation in excess of these minimums for teachers whose job  
12 duties require specialized training and skills in addition to the teacher's regular instructional duties  
13 and for teachers assigned to or employed for duties other than regular instructional duties. The  
14 additional salary schedules or compensation shall be uniform for all persons performing like  
15 assignments and duties.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the State Board of Education to establish salary schedules or additional compensation for teachers whose job duties require specialized training and skills or assignments in addition to regular instructional duties.

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