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Senate Bill No. 447

(By Senators Karnes, Boley,
Gaunch and Leonhardt)

[Passed March 14, 2015; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-8-12, relating to allowing administrator of secondary education program at public, private or home school to issue diploma or other appropriate credential; establishing legal sufficiency of diploma or credential; prohibiting discrimination by state agency or institution of higher learning; and reserving to state agency and institution of higher learning authority to inquire about program content for certain purposes.

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 §18-8-12, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8. COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

§18-8-12. Issuance of a diploma or other appropriate credential by public, private or home school administrator.

1 A person who administers a program of secondary education at a public, private or home
2 school that meets the requirements of this chapter may issue a diploma or other appropriate
3 credential to a person who has completed the program of secondary education. Such diploma or
4 credential is legally sufficient to demonstrate that the person meets the definition of having a high

1 school diploma or its equivalent. No state agency or institution of higher learning in this state may
2 reject or otherwise treat a person differently solely on the grounds of the source of such a diploma
3 or credential. Nothing in this section prevents any agency or institution of higher learning from
4 inquiring into the substance or content of the program to assess the content thereof for the purposes
5 of determining whether a person meets other specific requirements.