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(BY SENATORS KARNES, BOLEY,  
GAUNCH AND LEONHARDT)

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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  
2 education at a public, private or home school that meets the  
3 requirements of this chapter may issue a diploma or other  
4 appropriate credential to a person who has completed the  
5 program of secondary education. Such diploma or credential  
6 is legally sufficient to demonstrate that the person meets the  
7 definition of having a high school diploma or its equivalent.  
8 No state agency or institution of higher learning in this state  
9 may reject or otherwise treat a person differently solely on  
10 the grounds of the source of such a diploma or credential.  
11 Nothing in this section prevents any agency or institution of  
12 higher learning from inquiring into the substance or content  
13 of the program to assess the content thereof for the purposes  
14 of determining whether a person meets other specific  
15 requirements.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman Senate Committee*

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*Chairman House Committee*

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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Day of ....., 2015.

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*Governor*