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Senate Bill 630

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the
Committee on Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18-5-18f, relating to county boards of education; licensed school
3 psychologists; and providing that maximum licensed school psychologist-pupil ratio is one
4 thousand five hundred pupils for each licensed school psychologist.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §18-5-18f, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-18f. Licensed school psychologists; maximum pupil ratio.

1 (a) A licensed school psychologist means a professional who holds a license in
2 accordance with article twenty-one, chapter thirty of this code or who is the holder of a school
3 psychology certificate or permit issued by the West Virginia Department of Education.

4 (b) Each county board that provides licensed school psychologist services for each pupil
5 enrolled in the public schools of the county shall provide by the school year 2020-2021, and after
6 that, sufficient licensed school psychologist services and personnel that will ensure that there is
7 no more than a one thousand five hundred pupil ratio for each licensed school psychologist in the
8 county.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that the maximum licensed school psychologist-pupil ratio is one thousand five hundred pupils for each licensed school psychologist.

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