

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2016 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 2960

2015 Carryover

(BY DELEGATE LANE)

[Introduced January 13, 2016;
referred to the Committee on Education.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-5-16b, relating to emergency preparedness drills in schools; requiring a
 3 three day notice of drills; permitting parents or guardians to refuse participation; and
 4 exempting fire drills from notice requirement.

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 §18-5-16b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-16b. Emergency preparedness drills.

1 County boards of education in conjunction with local emergency response personnel may
 2 establish emergency preparedness drills for all schools.

3 Emergency preparedness drills may not be conducted unless parents and students are
 4 notified three school days prior to the day of the proposed drills. Parents or guardians of students
 5 may refuse to allow students to participate in emergency preparedness drills: *Provided*, That fire
 6 drills are exempt from this three day notice requirement.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit county boards of education to develop emergency preparedness drills in schools. The bill requires a three day notice of drills and permits parents or guardians to refuse participation. The bill exempts fire drills from notice requirement.

§18-5-16b is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.