

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4588**

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[Introduced February 17, 2016; Referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources  
then Education.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §18-2-25b, relating to setting certain safety standards for youth lacrosse; and  
 3 requiring the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission to adopt certain  
 4 safety standards for youth lacrosse under certain circumstances.

*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 §18-2-25b, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-2-25b. Youth lacrosse safety standards in West Virginia.**

1 All organized youth lacrosse leagues for female lacrosse players in West Virginia shall  
 2 follow the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment requirements with  
 3 respect to the use of helmets for field players and goalies. In the event that the West Virginia  
 4 Secondary School Activities Commission has authority over safety in female lacrosse games, it  
 5 shall adopt rules regarding safety that include the National Operating Committee on Standards  
 6 for Athletic Equipment requirements with respect to the use of helmets for field players and  
 7 goalies.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to set consistent basic safety standards for female youth lacrosse in West Virginia.

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