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for

House Bill 2494

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[Passed April 6, 2017; in effect ninety days from passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-2E-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to school, school district and statewide school report cards; modifying state board duties
3 pertaining to the report cards; modifying information to be included in the school and
4 school district report cards; removing requirement for school report cards to mailed directly
5 to the parents; and requiring school and school district report cards be made easily
6 accessible on, or through a report card icon or link on, the county board website and
7 provided in paper form upon request of the parent, guardian or custodian.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §18-2E-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2E. HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

**§18-2E-4. Better schools accountability; school, school district and statewide school
report cards.**

1 (a) For the purpose of providing information to the parents of public school children and
2 the general public on the quality of education in the public schools which is uniform and
3 comparable between schools within and among the various school districts, the state board shall
4 provide a uniform format for school, school district and statewide school report cards and shall
5 promulgate rules concerning the collection and reporting of data and the preparation of report
6 cards under this section. The format shall provide for brief, concise reporting in nontechnical
7 language of required information. Any technical or explanatory material a county board wishes to
8 include shall be contained in a separate appendix available upon request.

9 (b) The school report cards shall include information as prescribed in this section to give
10 the parents of students at the school and the general public an indication of the quality of
11 education at the school and other programs supportive of community needs, including, but not
12 limited to, the following:

13 (1) Indicators of student performance at the school in comparison with the county, state,
14 regional and national student performance, as applicable, including student performance by grade
15 level in the various subjects measured pursuant to a uniform statewide assessment program
16 adopted by the state board; school attendance rates; the percent of students not promoted to next
17 grade; and the graduation rate;

18 (2) Indicators of school performance in comparison with the aggregate of all other schools
19 in the county and the state, as applicable, including enrollment; average class size; pupil-teacher
20 ratio; pupil-administrator ratio; operating expenditure per pupil; county expenditure by fund in
21 graphic display; and the average degree classification and years of experience of the
22 administrators and teachers at the school;

23 (3) The names of the members of the local school improvement council, created pursuant
24 to section two, article five-a of this chapter; and

25 (4) The name or names of the business partner or partners of the school.

26 (c) The school district report card shall include the data for each school for each
27 separately listed applicable indicator and the aggregate of the data for all schools, as applicable,
28 in the county for each indicator. The statewide school report card shall include the data for each
29 county for each separately listed indicator and the aggregate for all counties for each indicator.

30 (d) The report cards shall be prepared using actual local school, county, state, regional
31 and national data indicating the present performance of the school and also shall include the state
32 norms and the upcoming year's targets for the school and the county board.

33 The state board shall provide technical assistance to each county board in preparing the
34 school and school district report cards.

35 Each county board shall prepare report cards in accordance with the guidelines set forth
36 in this section. The school district report cards shall be presented at a regular school board
37 meeting subject to applicable notice requirements and shall be made available to a newspaper of
38 general circulation serving the district. The school and school district report cards shall be made

39 easily accessible on, or through a report card icon or link on, the county board website and
40 provided in paper form upon request to the parent or parents, guardian or custodian of a child
41 enrolled in that school. In addition, each county board shall submit the completed report cards to
42 the state board which shall make copies available to any person requesting them. The report
43 cards shall be completed and disseminated prior to January 1, 1989, and in each year thereafter,
44 and shall be based upon information for the current school year, or for the most recent school
45 year for which the information is available, in which case the year shall be clearly footnoted.

46 (e) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c) of this section, the school district report
47 card shall list the following information:

48 (1) The names of the members of the county board and the dates upon which their terms
49 expire; and

50 (2) The names of the county school superintendent and every assistant and associate
51 superintendent and their area of school administration.

52 (f) The state board shall develop and implement a separate report card for nontraditional
53 public schools pursuant to the appropriate provisions of this section to the extent practicable.

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

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Chairman, House Committee

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Chairman, Senate Committee

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