

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2609**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[Introduced February 21, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Education then Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-5-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to requiring county boards of education to conduct regular structural inspections of school  
 3 facilities and structures; and requiring boards to establish a schedule of rotating  
 4 inspections for all schools every ten years.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §18-5-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted  
 2 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-9. Schoolhouses, buildings and equipment; health of pupils; repairs; medical and  
 dental clinics; required structural inspections.**

1 (a) The board shall provide:

2 (1) By purchase, lease, building or otherwise, a sufficient number of suitable schoolhouses  
 3 and other buildings to meet the educational needs of its district;

4 (2) The necessary furniture, fixtures, apparatus, fuel and all necessary supplies for the  
 5 schools;

6 (3) For the health and cleanliness of the pupils;

7 (4) For the repair and good order of the school grounds, buildings and equipment.

8 The board may also provide for medical and dental clinics.

9 (b) The board shall conduct regular structural inspections of all school facilities and  
 10 structures in which students may be present during a day of education.

11 (c) County boards shall establish a schedule of rotating inspections so that every facility  
 12 in the county is inspected at least once every ten years.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require county boards of education to conduct regular structural inspections of school facilities and structures and establish a schedule of rotating inspections for all schools to be inspected at least once every ten years.

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