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House Bill 2950

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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to the Committee on Education.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to have a terminal degree.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §18-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

§18-3-1. Appointment; qualifications; compensation; traveling expenses; office and residence; evaluation.

1 There shall be appointed by the state board a State Superintendent of Schools who serves
2 at the will and pleasure of the state board. He or she shall be a person of good moral character,
3 shall be able to perform the duties listed in this article and possess such other educational,
4 administrative, experiential and other qualifications as determined by the State Board of
5 Education. He or she shall hold ~~at least a master's~~ a terminal degree from a regionally accredited
6 institution of higher education or equivalent degree as determined by the state board. He or she
7 shall receive an annual salary set by the state board, to be paid monthly. The state superintendent
8 also shall receive necessary traveling expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties
9 to be paid out of the General School Fund upon warrants of the State Auditor. The state
10 superintendent shall have his or her office at the State Capitol. The state board shall report to the
11 Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability upon request concerning its
12 progress during any hiring process for a state superintendent.

13 The state board annually shall evaluate the performance of the state superintendent and
14 publicly announce the results of the evaluation.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the State Superintendent of Schools to have a terminal degree.

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