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Senate Bill 640

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NOTE

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to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-8-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to school attendance directors; and adjusting requirements for hiring an attendance
 3 director.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §18-8-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
 2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8. COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

**§18-8-3. Employment of county director of school attendance and assistants;
 qualifications; salary and traveling expenses; removal.**

1 (a) The county board of education of every county, not later than August 1, of each year,
 2 shall employ the equivalent of a full-time county director of school attendance if such county has
 3 a net enrollment of more than four thousand pupils, at least a half-time director of school
 4 attendance if such county has a net enrollment equal to or less than four thousand pupils and
 5 such assistant attendance directors as deemed necessary. All persons to be employed as
 6 attendance directors shall have the written recommendation of the county superintendent.

7 (b) The county board of education may establish special and professional qualifications
 8 for attendance directors and assistants as are deemed expedient and proper and are consistent
 9 with regulations of the State Board of Education relating thereto: *Provided*, That if the position of
 10 attendance director has been posted, the county may employ a person who holds full attendance
 11 certification or a person who holds a professional administrative certificate with five or more years
 12 of experience. ~~and no fully certified applicant applies, the county may employ a person who holds~~
 13 ~~a professional administrative certificate and meets the special and professional qualifications~~
 14 ~~established by the county board as attendance director and that person shall not be required to~~
 15 ~~obtain attendance director certification~~

16 (c) The attendance director or assistant director shall be paid a monthly salary as fixed by
 17 the county board. The attendance director or assistant director shall prepare attendance reports,

18 and such other reports as the county superintendent may request.

19 (d) The county board of education shall reimburse the attendance directors or assistant
20 directors for their necessary traveling expenses upon presentation of a monthly, itemized, sworn
21 statement approved by the county superintendent.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow counties to hire persons with professional administrative certificates and five years of experience as attendance directors.

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