

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 52

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[Introduced January 10, 2018; Referred
to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-5-18f, relating to county boards of education; providing that maximum
 3 licensed school psychologist-pupil ratio is 1,500 pupils for each licensed school
 4 psychologist; and defining a term.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-18f. Licensed school psychologists; maximum pupil ratio.

1 (a) A licensed school psychologist means a professional who holds a license in
 2 accordance with §30-21-1 et seq. of this code or who is the holder of a school psychology
 3 certificate or permit issued by the West Virginia Department of Education.

4 (b) Each county board that provides licensed school psychologist services for each pupil
 5 enrolled in the public schools of the county shall provide by the school year 2022-2023, and after
 6 that, sufficient licensed school psychologist services and personnel that will ensure that there is
 7 no more than a one thousand five hundred pupil ratio for each licensed school psychologist in the
 8 county.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that the maximum licensed school psychologist-pupil ratio is one thousand five hundred pupils for each licensed school psychologist.

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