

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2019 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

### Senate Bill 521

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NOTE

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[Introduced February 5, 2019; Referred  
to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee  
on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §18-2E-8g, relating to agricultural education in high schools; requiring that a  
 3 West Virginia Department of Education approved agricultural education program be  
 4 offered in every West Virginia high school.

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

**ARTICLE 2E. HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**

**§18-2E-8g. Creating successful careers through agricultural education.**

1 (a) Findings and intent. -- The Legislature finds that through agricultural education  
 2 students are provided opportunities for leadership development, personal growth and career  
 3 success in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Quality agricultural education  
 4 instruction is delivered through three major components of classroom and laboratory instruction,  
 5 supervised agricultural experience programs (work-based learning), and student leadership  
 6 organizations such as the National FFA Organization. The Legislature further finds that  
 7 opportunities to prepare for career success in the science, business and technology of agriculture  
 8 should be available to every West Virginia high school student.

9 (b) To provide opportunities for all state high school students to prepare for successful  
 10 careers in agriculture and related fields, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, all state public  
 11 high schools shall offer a West Virginia Department of Education approved agricultural education  
 12 program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require all state public high schools to offer a West Virginia Department of Education approved agricultural education program.

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