

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2721

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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to the Committee on Education then Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-17-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to the compensation of personnel employed at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and
 3 the Blind; updating reference to minimum salaries in effect for personnel at facilities under
 4 jurisdiction of the State Board of Education; and authorizing board to establish salary
 5 schedules or compensation in excess of the minimums for certain teachers at the West
 6 Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 17. WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.

§18-17-1. Continuation; management; minimum salary scale for all employees .

1 ~~(a) The West Virginia Schools for Deaf Pupils and Blind Pupils heretofore established and~~
 2 ~~located at Romney, in Hampshire County, shall be continued and shall be known as the "West~~
 3 ~~Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind."~~ The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
 4 located at Romney, in Hampshire County, is continued. The schools shall be maintained for the
 5 care and education of the deaf youth and blind youth of the state. The educational ~~or~~ and
 6 business affairs of the schools ~~shall be~~ are under the control, supervision and management of the
 7 State Board of Education, and the state board shall employ the superintendent, principals,
 8 teachers and other employees and shall fix the yearly or monthly salary to be paid to each person
 9 so employed.

10 ~~(b) The minimum salary scale for said principals, teachers and other employees shall be~~
 11 ~~the same as set forth in sections two, three and eight-a, article four, chapter eighteen-a of this~~
 12 ~~code~~ professional personnel and service personnel employed shall be in accordance with §18A-
 13 4-17 of this code.

14 ~~(c) In addition to the minimum salary scale, the state board may establish salary schedules~~
 15 for additional compensation:

- 16 (1) For teachers whose job duties require specialized training and skills in addition to those
17 required for the teacher’s regular instructional duties; and
18 (2) For teachers assigned to or employed for duties in addition to regular instructional
19 duties.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify a minimum salary scale for personnel employed by the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and to authorize the state board to establish salary schedules for additional compensation for certain teachers.

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