

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4165**

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[Introduced January 14, 2020; 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 §18-2A-8a, relating to public education; establishing the West Virginia  
 3 Remembers Program; and authorizing the State Board of Education to promulgate a rule  
 4 providing for maintaining of lists by county boards of veteran volunteers to speak in the  
 5 public schools.

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

**ARTICLE 2A. ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND  
 LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.**

**§18-2A-8a. West Virginia Remembers Program; rule-making.**

1 (a) There is hereby created the “West Virginia Remembers Program” whereby children in  
 2 the public schools may learn about military service, patriotism and courage in the defense of our  
 3 country from veterans who volunteer to share their experiences in the educational setting.  
 4 Participation in the program by classroom teachers is voluntary and may not be considered a  
 5 course requirement or mandatory in any other way.

6 (b) The state board is authorized to propose rules for legislative approval in accordance  
 7 with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code to implement this section with regard to solicitation of speakers  
 8 from veterans’ groups and maintenance of lists by county boards of available speakers.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish the West Virginia Remembers Program. The bill authorizes the State Board of Education to promulgate a rule providing for maintaining of lists by county boards of veteran volunteers to speak in the public schools.

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