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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4165

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[Originating in the Committee on Education; February

11, 2020.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18-2-8b, 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 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-8b. West Virginia Remembers Program; rulemaking.

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 may promulgate a rule in accordance with §29A-3B-1 et seq. of this
7 code to implement this section with regard to solicitation of speakers from veterans’ groups and
8 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.