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House Bill 4365

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Committee on Education.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18B-14-3, relating to authorizing granting of college credit hours for learning
3 English as a second language; authorizing state higher education institutions to grant
4 college credit hours for English learned as a second language and to accept English
5 learned as a foreign language to satisfy college foreign language requirement.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS.

§18B-14-3. College credit authorized for learning English as second language.

1 State Institutions of higher education are authorized to offer college credit hours for
2 English learned as a second language and may accept English learned as a second language to
3 satisfy an institution's foreign language requirement. To obtain college credit the student must be
4 enrolled in the institution granting credit and be certified as having reached a satisfactory score
5 on the test of English as a foreign language.

6 The Higher Education Policy Commission and the Council for Community and Technical
7 College Education shall jointly propose rules to set and identify scores required on the test of
8 English as a foreign language for course credit being offered.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize state institutions of higher learning to grant college credit to students who have learned English as a second language.

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