

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4925**

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[Introduced February 11, 2020; Referred to the  
Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-28-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to requiring the West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission to recognize  
 3 private, parochial, or church schools or schools of a religious order or other nonpublic  
 4 schools that meet the requirements of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic  
 5 Commission for nonparticipating school or team members.

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

**ARTICLE 28. PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL OR CHURCH SCHOOLS, OR SCHOOLS OF A  
 RELIGIOUS ORDER.**

**§18-28-4. Voluntary participation in state programs.**

1 (a) Any private, parochial or church school or school of a religious order or other nonpublic  
 2 school complying with the provisions of this article may, on a voluntary basis, participate in any  
 3 state operated or state sponsored program otherwise made available to such schools by law.

4 (b) Any private, parochial or church school or school of a religious order or other nonpublic  
 5 school, whose curriculum includes preparation of its students for college, that meets the  
 6 requirements of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission for nonparticipating  
 7 school or team members shall be recognized by that commission.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission to recognize private, parochial or church schools or schools of a religious order or other nonpublic schools that meet the requirements of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission for nonparticipating school or team members.

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