

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Enrolled**

## **Senate Bill 691**

BY SENATORS RUCKER, CLINE, AND ROBERTS

[Passed March 5, 2020; in effect 90 days from passage]



1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §18A-3-1j, relating to additional alternative preparation programs for teachers;  
3 providing that certain programs adopted by the State Board of Education are separate  
4 from specified programs; providing that programs are subject to state board rules; and  
5 providing that programs may be an alternative to college and university programs for  
6 teacher education.

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

**ARTICLE 3. TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, LICENSING, PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT.**

**§18A-3-1j. Additional alternative preparation programs administered by the Department of  
Education.**

1 (a) Additional alternative programs to prepare teachers established or adopted solely by  
2 the State Board of Education are separate from the programs established under §18A-3-1b,  
3 §18A-3-1g, and §18A-3-1h of this code, do not required any partner, and are applicable only to  
4 persons who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

5 (b) These programs are subject to other provisions of this article only to the extent  
6 specifically provided in state board rules.

7 (c) These programs may be an alternative to the standard college and university programs  
8 for the education of teacher and also may address the content area preparation of these persons.



The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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In effect 90 days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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Day of ....., 2020.

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*Governor*