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Senate Bill 691

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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 §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.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit programs adopted by the State Board of Education
are separate from specific other programs in code.

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