

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Enrolled

Senate Bill 723

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[Passed March 7, 2020; in effect from passage]

1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18-2-43, relating to requiring Department of Education to analyze statewide
3 data collected on school disciplinary action and, based on the findings of this data, develop
4 a statewide program intended to address the number of disciplinary actions taken by
5 school personnel and county boards; requiring information by subgroups; requiring county
6 board implementation with goal of improving disciplinary outcomes; requiring the
7 Department of Education to prepare a report on the findings and provide a summary of
8 the progress of the statewide and individual county programs; and present these findings
9 to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability every two years.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-43. Addressing disciplinary action in West Virginia schools.

1 (a) The Department of Education shall analyze statewide data collected on school
2 disciplinary action and, based on the findings of this data, develop a statewide program intended
3 to address the number of disciplinary actions taken by school personnel and county school boards
4 against students enrolled in grades K-12. This program will include information by subgroup,
5 including, but not limited to, race, gender, and disability.

6 (b) County boards of education shall implement the program outlined in subsection (a) of
7 this section with the ultimate goal of improving disciplinary outcomes.

8 (c) The Department of Education shall prepare a report on the findings of statewide
9 disciplinary data and, in addition to these findings, provide a summary of the progress of the
10 statewide program and individual county programs, evaluating the extent to which the programs
11 have successfully led to making a positive impact in disciplinary actions in West Virginia school
12 systems. The Department of Education shall present these findings to the Legislative Oversight
13 Commission on Education Accountability every two years starting in the year 2022.

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

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