

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2231**

By Delegate Foster

[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the  
Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new  
2 sections, designated §18A-4-2d, and §18A-4-4a, all relating to teacher salary  
3 enhancement; requiring that to qualify for certain additional salary provisions, the teacher's  
4 earned master's degree or graduate work toward or following obtaining a master's degree,  
5 shall be in the field in which the teacher is teaching.

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

**ARTICLE 4. SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS.**

**§18A-4-2d. Master's degree or work toward a master's degree in teaching field required to receive certain salary increase.**

1 In order to receive additional salary as specified in §18A-4-2 of this code for having  
2 completed an increment of work toward a master's degree, for obtaining the degree, or for work  
3 following the degree, the teacher shall have completed the work in the field in which the teacher is  
4 teaching.

**§18A-4-4a. Work required in specialized field to qualify for advanced salary classification.**

1 In order to qualify for advanced salary classification provided in §18A-4-4 of this code, the  
2 teacher shall have earned the additional semester hours or completed the degree in the  
3 specialized field.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that teachers have advanced credit hours in work toward or completion of a master's degree in their teaching field in order to receive additional salary for master's degree work.

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