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House Bill 3055

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2E-13, relating to the creation of a vocational math class.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2e. high quality educational programs.

§18-2E-13. Establishment of vocational math class.

(a) *Legislative findings and purpose*. – The Legislature find that empowering students to enter the trades is of paramount importance. Creating new programs to assist students for a career in the trades is the best way to achieve this goal. The creation of a class to help students with workforce math will provide students with the opportunity to prepare themselves for a career in the trades.

(b) *Enactment*. – There is hereby established for all public-school curriculum in West Virginia a vocational math class geared towards students interested in careers in the trades. This class will pertain to math curriculum in the fields of fractions, conversion from fractions to decimals, and geometry pertaining to workforce math.

(c) *Qualifications*. – In order to be able to teach this class, an instructor must meet the same qualifications as needed to teach current trade classes in the public schools. Students shall be eligible for this class once entering high school. This class can be taken in lieu of Algebra II.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a vocational math class.

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