

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 4821

By Delegate Dillon

[Introduced January 16, 2024; Referred
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 §18-5F-7, relating to requiring certain standards for virtual students in West
 3 Virginia public schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5F. ACCESSIBILITY AND EQUITY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION
ENHANCEMENT ACT.

§18-5F-7. Requirements for virtual classroom curricula.

1 (a) The Legislature finds that the needs of virtual students are unique and separate from in-
 2 person classroom students, particularly when virtual students are using online curricula which are
 3 distinct from the classroom curricula.

4 (b) West Virginia public schools utilizing online curricula as virtual enrollment options must
 5 create dedicated and distinct classes in the school master schedule for classroom teachers to
 6 manage such virtual classes, unless online instruction is conducted synchronously and
 7 simultaneously with physical classroom through a live video conferencing application.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require certain standards for virtual students in West Virginia public schools.

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