

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5141**

By Delegate C. Pritt

[Introduced January 25, 2024; Referred to the  
Committee on Health and Human Resources then the  
Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §18B-14-5, relating to requiring state institutions of higher education to accept  
3 vaccine exemptions for religious, medical, or right of conscience.

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

**ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS.**

**§18B-14-5. State institutions of higher education shall accept religious, medical, or right of  
conscience exemptions to taking vaccinations.**

1 All state institutions of higher education shall accept vaccine exemptions for religious,  
2 medical, or right of conscience for any student attending or living on campus.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require state institutions of higher education universities to accept exemptions to vaccinations in addition to the medical exemptions.

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