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H. B. 2458

(By Delegates Sobonya, Miller, Frich, Householder, Butler,
Ihle and Walters)

[Introduced January 28, 2015; referred to the
Committee on Education then the Judiciary.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18A-2-15, relating to prohibiting school employees from counseling, referring, transporting or assisting any student to obtain an abortion; providing a violation of the section is a misdemeanor; and providing that nothing in the section may be construed as approving of abortion.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §18A-2-15, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

§18A-2-15. Employees prohibited from promoting abortion.

No person employed by, compensated by or providing any services for the state board or any county board may counsel, refer, transport or assist any student to obtain an abortion as part of or in relation to their employment. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$200 or confined in jail for a period of

- 1 not more than six months. Nothing in this section may be construed to endorse, allow, permit or
- 2 approve of any abortion.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit all employees of the State Board of Education or any county board from counseling, referring, transporting or assisting any student to obtain an abortion. The bill provides a violation of its provisions is a misdemeanor.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.