

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2486**

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**2015 Carryover**

[Introduced January 13, 2016; 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 §18-1-5, relating to school curricular standards and assessments;  
 3 discontinuing the use of common core standards and assessments in the state; requiring  
 4 the department of education to promulgate new standards for academic curriculum and  
 5 assessment; and allowing school districts to develop academic standards that exceed  
 6 statewide standards.

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

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
 2 section, designated §18-1-5, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS; LIMITATIONS OF CHAPTER; GOALS FOR  
 EDUCATION.**

**§18-1-5. Public school curricular standards and assessments.**

1 (a) For purposes of this section:

2 (1) "Assessments" means the Smarter Balanced Assessments or any other student  
 3 assessments intended to measure student achievement in the common core standards.

4 (2) "Common Core" means the academic standards published by the Common Core State  
 5 Standards Initiative or the Next Generation Science Standards Initiative and adopted by the West  
 6 Virginia Board of Education, including the West Virginia Next Generation Standards or any related  
 7 program.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, effective July 1, 2015, the State Board  
 9 of Education may not:

10 (1) Continue to implement the academic content standards for English, language arts,  
 11 mathematics or any other subject developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative or  
 12 any assessments currently implemented as part of the initiative;

13           (2) Implement the science standards developed by the Next Generation Science  
14 Standards Initiative led by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences;  
15 or

16           (3) Use the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for Colleges and Careers, the  
17 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, or any other assessment based on the Common  
18 Core Standards or Next Generation Science Standards.

19           (b) As of the effective date of this section, any actions taken to adopt or implement the  
20 Common Core Standards or the Next Generation Science Standards are void.

21           (c) On or before July 1, 2015, the State Board of Education shall develop statewide  
22 academic content standards to replace any Common Core or Next Generation Standards  
23 currently in use.

24           (d) The state board shall post for a minimum of ninety days public notice any proposed  
25 revision of academic content standards on the department's website and shall invite comments  
26 on the proposed changes from the general public, including parents, teachers, experts on college  
27 and career readiness standards, representatives of nonpartisan institutes and political,  
28 educational, and faith-based organizations.

29           (e) A local board of education may adopt for use by the school district academic content  
30 standards that exceed those approved by the state board.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to discontinue the use of Common Core Standards and assessments in the state; require the department of education to promulgate new standards for academic curriculum and assessment; and allow school districts to develop academic standards that exceed statewide standards.

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