

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

## **House Bill 2374**

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[Introduced February 13, 2017;  
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 §18-5-15e, relating to requiring schools to post signs displaying the Childhelp  
3 National Child Abuse Hotline number in certain areas of the school and giving the State  
4 Superintendent rulemaking authority.

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

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted by adding  
2 thereto a new section, designated §18-5-15e, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-15e. Posting of National Child Abuse Hotline number; rulemaking authority.**

1 (a) Each school shall post a sign that contains the toll-free Childhelp National Child Abuse  
2 Hotline number in the following locations:

3 (1) In a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to  
4 students; and

5 (2) In a clearly visible location in an area of the school that is regularly open to visitors and  
6 parents.

7 (b) The State Superintendent may adopt rules relating to the size and location of the signs  
8 required by this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require schools to post signs displaying the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline number.

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