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Senate Bill 605

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to the Committee on Education; and then to the
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18-2-40; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated
3 §18-33-1, §18-33-2, §18-33-3, and §18-33-4, all relating to vocational and technical
4 education programs; requiring State Board and Commerce Department create lists of
5 apprenticeships, certifications, and credentials to provide students; requiring county
6 school districts to provide certain information to students; establishing the Governor's
7 Workforce Credential; establishing requirements for the Governor's Workforce Credential;
8 mandating graduation recognition for recipients of credential; and creating monetary
9 incentive for schools who graduate recipients of credential.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§ 18-2-40. Mandatory career and technical education information for high school students.

1 (a) The State Board of Education and the Commerce Department shall coordinate efforts
2 and create a list of existing apprenticeships throughout the state, as well as a list of certifications
3 and other credentials that reflect current workforce needs, in order to educate and prepare high
4 school students regarding career and technical education (CTE) opportunities and careers
5 following graduation.

6 (b) Each county school district shall annually provide each student, beginning in the ninth
7 grade, with the following information:

8 (1) Career and technical education programs within the district and adjoining districts; and

9 (2) The EDGE program, established by §18-3-1 et seq. of this code, which provides the
10 opportunity for the student to obtain dual credits that count toward the high school graduation
11 requirements, as well as to count toward the student's achievement of a certificate or Associate
12 Degree.

13 (3) A list of apprenticeships created pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

14 (4) A list of certificates and credentials created pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

15 (5) Details regarding enlistment and opportunities within the armed forces, including local
16 recruiter contact information.

ARTICLE 33. GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE CREDENTIAL.

§18-33-1. Establishing the Governor's Workforce Credential.

1 The Governor's Workforce Credential is an initiative aimed at preparing students to enter
2 the workforce with industry ready skills and abilities to meet business and industry expectations.
3 It also creates a way for employers to identify potential employees who are prepared to enter the
4 workforce and understand the industry accepted expectations of such employees. The credential
5 honors those students who are able to meet or exceed rigid requirements within their Career and
6 Technical Education (CTE) programs.

§18-33-2. Requirements.

1 In order to receive the Governor's Workforce Credential, a student must:

2 (1) Complete the four required state-approved CTE Program of Study Courses, and
3 achieve a minimum of 95 percent Portfolio score; and

4 (2) Have a verified minimum attendance rate of 95 percent; and

5 (3) Achieve a minimum of Level 3 on the Math and ELA categories of the WV Summative
6 Assessment or Level 5/85 percent on a Career Readiness Assessment (ACT Work Keys, ACT
7 Key Train, or WIN) or 15 percent above the NOCTI criterion-referenced cut score; and

8 (4) Earn a nationally-recognized industry credential that coincides with a state-approved
9 program of study; and

10 (5) Obtain a drug-free certification.

§18-33-3. Recognition for recipients of credential upon graduation.

1 Any student who fulfills the requirements of the Governor's Workforce Credential and has
2 also met their graduation requirements will receive individual recognition at their high school
3 graduation ceremony.

§18-33-4. Incentive for high schools.

- 1 The State Board of Education shall award \$250 per student to a high school that graduates
- 2 a Governor's Workforce Credential recipient.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide information to high school students regarding career and technical educational opportunities during and after high school and to codify the Governor's Workforce Credential.

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