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House Bill 4371

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to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

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

1 No person employed by, compensated by, or providing any services for the State Board
 2 of Education or any county board may counsel, refer, transport, or assist any student to obtain an
 3 abortion as part of or in relation to their employment. Any person who violates this section is guilty
 4 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$200 or confined in
 5 jail for a period of not more than six months. Nothing in this section may be construed to endorse,
 6 allow, permit, or 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 that a violation of its provisions is a misdemeanor.

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