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House Bill 178

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18A-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to employment of individuals to teach elective courses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

§18A-2-1a. Employment of other personnel.

3 (a) A county board is authorized to employ athletic directors to work in the public schools
4 under the supervision of a school principal and in accordance with the rules of the county board.

5 ~~(a)~~ The athletic director is responsible for planning, management, operation and
6 evaluation of the athletic program for the school or schools to which he or she is assigned.

7 ~~(b)~~ The responsibilities of an athletic director may include, but are not limited to the
8 following:

- 9 (1) Supervising athletic games;
- 10 (2) Overseeing the athletic budget;
- 11 (3) Hiring game officials;
- 12 (4) Scheduling athletic contests;
- 13 (5) Knowing and upholding all county, West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities
14 Commission (WVSSAC) and league rules;
- 15 (6) Maintaining proper records as required by West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities
16 Commission (WVSSAC) for school participation;
- 17 (7) Scheduling transportation for athletic teams;
- 18 (8) Preparing and verifying athletic eligibility lists;
- 19 (9) Supervising coaches and, if appropriately certified, observing and evaluating coaches;
- 20 (10) Securing all needed personnel for basic athletic event operations;
- 21 (11) Procuring and caring for athletic equipment; and
- 22 (12) Performing other duties involving athletics as assigned by the principal or as a part of
23 a county job description for athletic directors.

24 (b) A county board is authorized to employ certain noncertified individuals to work in the
25 public schools under the supervision of a school principal and in accordance with the rules of the
26 county board. These individuals are permitted to teach no more than one elective course each
27 semester of the school year without becoming certified. The elective courses taught by individuals
28 pursuant to this section shall be counted as elective units of credit toward high school graduation
29 requirements. In addition to complying with the rules of the county board, in order to be eligible
30 to teach an elective class pursuant to this section, a person shall:

31 (1) Be of good moral character;

32 (2) Be physically, mentally and emotionally qualified to perform the duties of a teacher;

33 (3) Attain the age of 18 years on or before October 1 of the year prior to teaching the
34 elective course;

35 (4) Have relevant academic, occupational or other qualifications that reasonably indicate
36 that the individual will be competent to fill the teaching position in which he or she would be
37 employed. For the purposes of this section, "reasonably indicate" means an academic major,
38 occupational experience or other qualifications in the subject matter of the elective course to
39 which the individual will be teaching; and

40 (5) Qualify for employment after a criminal history that meets the provisions contained in
41 §18A-3-10 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit noncertified individuals with relevant qualifications to teach one elective course per semester.

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