

**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**  
**2019 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

**Introduced**

**House Bill 195**

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[Introduced January 17, 2019; Referred  
to the Select Committee D on Education Reform.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §18A-3-2b, relating to promulgation of rules for minimum scores for basic skills  
 3 and subject matter testing to qualify for a professional teaching certificate.

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

**ARTICLE 3 TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, LICENSING, PROFESSIONAL  
 DEVELOPMENT.**

**§18A-3-2b. Basic skills and subject matter testing.**

1 The state board shall establish testing standards for basic skills and subject matter  
 2 proficiency and shall promulgate rules, pursuant to the provisions of §29A-3B-1 et seq. of this  
 3 code, setting the minimum passing score for each test as a condition of qualification for a  
 4 professional teaching certificate under the provisions of §18A-3-2a of this code. The board shall  
 5 not require passing scores for mathematics certification to be higher than the scores accepted in  
 6 any state bordering West Virginia.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require designation of teacher certification examinations and passing scores be set by rule of the State Board of Education and to keep mathematics proficiency scores in line with surrounding states.

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