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Senate Bill 329

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NOTE

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[Introduced January 16, 2019; Referred
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 §18-2E-8g, relating to agricultural education in high schools; and requiring that
 3 a National FFA Organization program be offered in every West Virginia high school.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2E. HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

§18-2E-8g. Creating successful careers through agricultural education.

1 (a) Findings and intent. -- The Legislature finds that through agricultural education
 2 students are provided opportunities for leadership development, personal growth and career
 3 success in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Quality agricultural education
 4 instruction is delivered through three major components of classroom and laboratory instruction,
 5 supervised agricultural experience programs (work-based learning), and student leadership
 6 organizations such as the National FFA Organization, whose letters stand for Future Farmers of
 7 America. The Legislature further finds that opportunities to prepare for career success in the
 8 science, business and technology of agriculture should be available to every West Virginia high
 9 school student.

10 (b) To provide opportunities for all state high school students to prepare for successful
 11 careers in agriculture and related fields, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, all state public
 12 high schools shall offer the National FFA Organization program of instruction.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require all state public high schools to offer a National FFA Organization program of instruction.

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