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House Bill 4457

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Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-14-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to requiring air conditioning on all school buses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

§17C-14-12. School bus rules.

1 (a) The West Virginia Board of Education by and with the advice of the motor vehicle
2 commissioner shall adopt and enforce rules consistent with this chapter, including the provisions
3 of §17C-15-19(c) of this code, to govern the design and operation of all school buses used for
4 the transportation of school children when owned and operated by any county board of education
5 or privately owned and operated under contract with any county board of education in this state
6 and these rules shall by reference be made a part of any such contract with a county board of
7 education. Every county board of education, its officers and employees, and every person
8 employed under contract by a county board of education shall be subject to these rules. By the
9 end of the 2020 fiscal year all school buses are required to have air conditioning.

10 (b) Any officer or employee of any county board of education who violates any of said
11 rules or who fails to include the obligation to comply with said rules in any contract executed by
12 him or her on behalf of a county board of education is guilty of misconduct and subject to removal
13 from office or employment. Any person operating a school bus under contract with a county board
14 of education who fails to comply with any of said rules is guilty of breach of contract and the
15 contract shall be canceled after notice and hearing by the responsible officers of the county board
16 of education.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require air conditioning on all school buses.

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